



THREE WISE GUYS

Lesson 5

BIG IDEA

Jesus truly is a Savior for all nations. After his birth, Gentile astronomers were more interested in finding him and worshiping him than the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem were.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 2:1-11

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 1:21

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast played by team members: Narrator, 3 Wise Guys, Scholar, King Herod, Mary
- Cast played by a small volunteer child: Jesus
- No props needed

GAME

- Small doll or object (such as clothes pin) as Jesus

CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- Yellow, golden or silver paper (one per child)
- String or thin ribbon (6 inches per child)

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Word Search (domestic communities only)





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STAGING

Position the Wise Guys on the left side of the stage, King Herod and the Narrator in the center front, and the Scholar in the center rear, and Mary and Jesus on the right side of the stage.

SCRIPT

Narrator: After Jesus was born, his parents moved into a house in Bethlehem.

Mary: Good thing. That stable was stinky! (Wave your hand in front of your face) Whew, baby!

Narrator: One day, some wise men arrived from the East.

Wise Guy #1: We are wise!

Wise Guy #2: We are guys!

Wise Guy #3: We're a bunch of wise guys!

Narrator: And they went to the city of Jerusalem to speak with King Herod.

Wise Guy #1: Hello, Harry.

King Herod: That's King Herod.

Wise Guy #1: Oh. Hi, King Harry Head...

King Herod: I'm not King Harry Head!

Wise Guy #3: Oh. Are you bald?

King Herod: (Sighing) What do you want?

Wise Guy #2: Where's the baby who has been born King of the Jews?

King Herod: Baby? You're looking for a BABY who is a KING?

Wise Guys: (Together) Yep!

King Herod: A BABY KING?!

Wise Guys: (Together) Yep!

King Herod: What are you, a bunch of wise guys?

Wise Guys: (Together) Yep!

Wise Guy #1: We are wise!

Wise Guy #2: We are guys!

Wise Guy #3: We're a bunch of wise guys!

King Herod: Oh.

Wise Guy #3: We saw his star glowing in the sky and have come to worship him.



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King Herod: WORSHIP him?!

Wise Guys: (Together) Yep!

Narrator: Well, as you can imagine, King Herod was not too happy to hear about that.

King Herod: I'm not too happy to hear about that.

Narrator: After all, HE was the king, and he didn't want any Jewish babies taking over his kingdom. So, he called for his Bible teachers.

Scholar: Yes, your majesty?

King Herod: There are a bunch of wise guys here—

Wise Guy #1: We are wise!

Wise Guy #2: We are guys!

Wise Guy #3: We're a bunch of wise guys!

King Herod: --who say that a new king is born. So, where is the Christ supposed to be born?

Scholar: Well, that's easy—in Bethlehem. Just like the prophets said.

King Herod: Bethlehem, huh?

Scholar: Yep.

King Herod: OK, then.

Scholar: Anything else?

King Herod: No. Now, get outta here.

Scholar: OK. Don't get feisty King Harry Head.

King Herod: That's Herod! KING Herod!

Narrator: And then, King Herod called a secret meeting with the wise men...

Wise Guy #1: We are wise!

Wise Guy #2: We are guys!

Wise Guy #3: We're a bunch of wise guys!

King Herod: Yes, yes, I know....Listen, when did you see that star first appear?

Wise Guy #1: Well... it was a while ago...

Wise Guy #2: I'd say almost two years ago...

Wise Guy #3: It's been a long trip...

King Herod: OK, I see... well, go and worship the baby. He's in Bethlehem—



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Wise Guy #1: He is? Cool!

King Herod: Now, when you find him, come back and let me know. So I can kill—I mean come and worship him, too.

Wise Guy #2: (Suspiciously) Right...

Narrator: So they left the king and the star appeared to them again.

Wise Guy #3: Star light! Star bright! I see that star again tonight!

Narrator: And it led them to the place where Jesus was.

Wise Guy #1: That's one smart star!

Wise Guy #2: I'll say!

Narrator: In the house, they found Mary—

Mary: Hi, there.

Narrator: --and Jesus...

Wise Guy #3: Your majesty!

Narrator: They bowed low and worshiped him.

Wise Guys: (Together, bowing) JESUS IS THE KING OF ALL! JESUS IS THE KING OF ALL!

Narrator: They opened up treasure chests and gave him and his mother gold...

Mary: Why thank you!

Narrator: ...incense...

Mary: You're too kind!

Narrator: ...and myrrh.

Mary: Myrrh? What's myrrh?

Wise Guy #1: It's a fragrant gum resin that's extracted from a variety of vegetative life forms in Arabia and East Africa...

Wise Guy #2: It's often used in the production of incense, perfumes...

Wise Guy #3: And various types of colognes.

Mary: How do you know that?

Wise Guy #1: We are wise!

Wise Guy #2: We are guys!

Wise Guy #3: We're a bunch of wise guys!

Mary: Oh. I see.



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Narrator: Then, they left by another rout because God had warned them not to return to King Harry Head—

King Herod: That's Herod! KING Herod! I am KING HEROD!

Narrator: Like I said, King Harry Head, because he wanted to hurt Jesus. But those wise men listened to God...and do you know why they listened to God?...

Mary: They were wise!

Scholar: They were guys!

King Herod: They're a bunch of wise guys!

Wise Guys: (Together) Yep!

Everyone:(Together) The end!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who were the Wise Guys looking for?
2. How long had they been looking?
3. How did then know where to look?
4. Why was King Herod upset to hear about a baby king?
5. What did King Herod plan to do to King Jesus?
6. Was Jesus really a threat to King Herod's little kingdom?
7. Why did Jesus come to earth as a baby?
8. What gift would you have given baby Jesus?
9. What gift can you give Jesus now?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of the Wise Men in simple story form or read from a children's bible.
- Ask 3-4 of the simpler discussion questions.



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CRAFT

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: 3D STAR

Make a twirly three-dimensional paper star.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Fold paper in half
- Along the fold, draw half of a star with 5 points (see first example photo)
- Cut three concentric lines in from the outside edge, on both sides, starting at the fold but not quite meeting at the top.
- Unfold the star
- Fold outer stars forward or back to create a 3D star effect
- Tie string or ribbon to the top

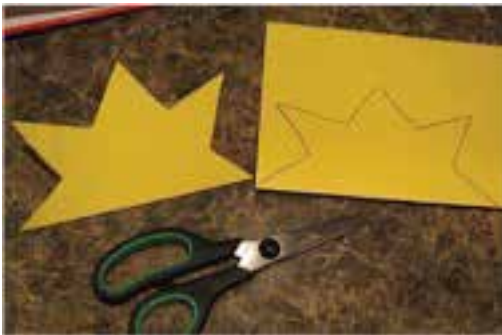
MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Yellow, golden or silver paper (1 per child)
- String or thin ribbon (6" per child)

SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *pre-fold paper*
- *pre-draw outline of star*
- *pre-draw concentric star lines*

EXAMPLE





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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: WISEMAN SEARCH

Kids take turns hiding baby Jesus and giving clues to help the Wise Men find him.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Small doll or object (such as clothes pin) as Jesus

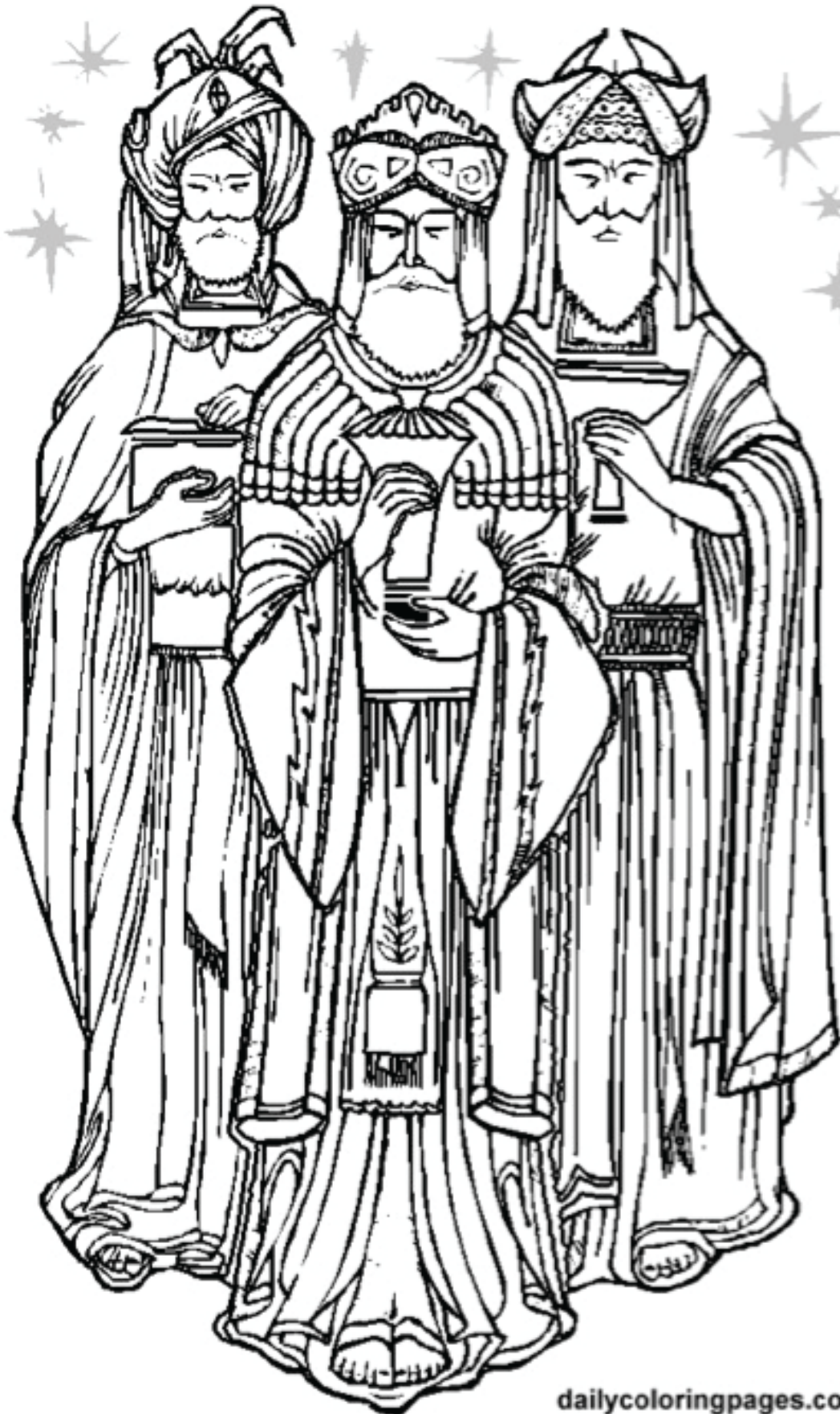
DIRECTIONS

- Gather children in a circle.
- One child hides the baby Jesus somewhere in the room while the rest of the children close their eyes (and cover them with their hands so they don't peek).
- Choose three children to be the Wise Men.
- The child who hid baby Jesus gives the Wise Men clues (this is played like the hot and cold game). When the Wise Men are far away the hider says "dim or dimmer" when the Wise Men are closer the hider says "bright or brighter."
- When baby Jesus is found choose a new hider and three new Wise Men.

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Choose several children to hide several objects in the play area. Remaining children seek the object. Children who find the objects become the hiders in the next round.
- Team leaders hide several objects for kids to find. The children who find the objects hide them from the team leaders in the next round.







WORD SEARCH

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| Jesus | Jerusalem | worship | child |
| Born | wisemen | troubled | rejoiced |
| Bethlehem | king | gathered | joy |
| Judaea | jews | chief | treasures |
| Herod | star | priests | gold |