

THE WISE MEN'S JOURNEY

Matthew 2:1-12

1. When the wise men found out that a new King was born they wanted to go and see Him. How did God help them find Jesus even though he was far away from where they lived?

Multi-Sensory Idea: Think about the bright star that God sent to guide the wise men to Jesus. If you're able, sing the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and make the sign for "star" as you sing the song.

Prompts for Deeper Discussion: Why do you think it was important for the wise men to visit the new King?

2. The story of the Wise Men teaches us that it is important to follow God. Why was it important for the wise men to follow God in the story? Why do you think it is important for us to follow God today?

Multi-Sensory Idea: Think about ways that we can learn to follow God. Using play dough show something we can do to learn about how to follow God in our own lives.

Prompts for Deeper Discussion: Can you think of a time in your life when you followed God? What happened when you did? (Teachers may want to start the discussion by telling a kid-friendly story from their own life, such as telling the truth when they made a mistake or sharing their things with others.)

3. When the wise men talked to King Herod he told them that he wanted to know where Jesus was so he could worship Him, but we know that wasn't true. How did the wise men find out that they could not trust King Herod? What did God tell them to do instead of telling King Herod where they found Jesus? (Hint - Matthew 2:12)

Multi-Sensory Idea: Act it out! Pretend that you are one of the wise men and you are telling the others what you heard from God in your dream.

Prompt for Deeper Discussion: Ask students to join you in prayer. Model bowing your head and clasping hands. **Then say:** God loves you very much. He wants everyone to trust in Him and to follow Him. It makes God very happy every time we pray.

*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this day that You have given us. Thank You for loving us and for showing us how important it is to follow You always. Help us to remember to come to you in prayer. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.*

Today's Takeaway: We can follow God!

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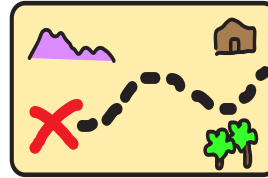
Instructions: Read the questions, then ask (or assist) the student to point to the correct answer.

1. What did the wise men follow when they went to find Jesus?



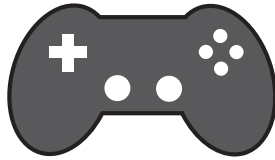
A Star

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A Map

2. What are some ways we can learn to follow God?



Play Video Games

OR



Learn the Bible

3. What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?



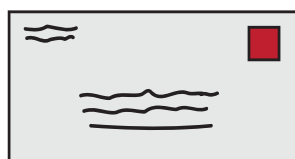
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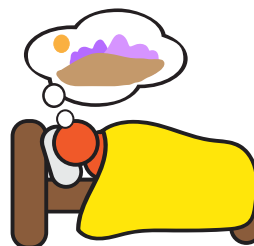
Sing Songs

4. How did God warn the wise men not to tell King Herod where Jesus was?



In a Letter

OR



In a Dream

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Instructions: Lead the student into prayer. Invite them to point to who they would like to pray for.

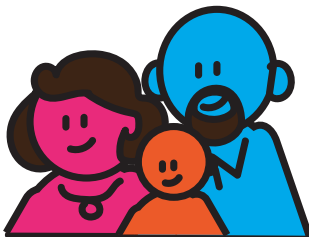
Say: God loves us and hears our prayers. It makes God happy when we pray to Him because He loves us so much and He wants us to stay close to Him. Would you like to pray with us? Close your eyes and bow your head.

Prompt: Ask the student if he/she would like to point to what they would like to pray for today from the visuals below. Then read the prayer below and add in the requests. (For more options, please use the WW Prayer Prompt Board)

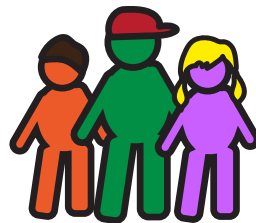
Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this day that You have given us. Thank You for loving us and sending your Son, Jesus, into the world. Please be with my _____ today. Thank you that we can always come to You in prayer. Help us follow you every day.

In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

PLEASE BE WITH MY:



Family



Friends



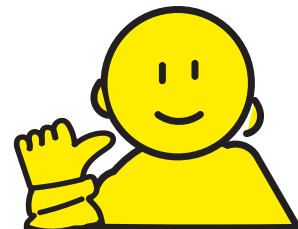
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