

# The Wise Men Follow the Star

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Theme:** Jesus is the King worth seeking and worshipping

**Age Group:** 1st-3rd Grade (Ages 6-8)

**Key Verse:** Matthew 2:2 — “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

## Overview

Long ago, in a faraway land, a very special baby was born—Jesus. His parents, Joseph and Mary, lived in a small town called Bethlehem. But far away, in a kingdom richer than theirs, some wise men from the east noticed something wonderful: a bright, shining star in the sky. It had never appeared before, and it didn’t fade away—it stayed steady, leading them on their journey. The star meant God was sending a special message to them: “Look for the child who is king of the Jews!”

When the wise men followed the star, they arrived at the house where Jesus was. They knelt down and worshiped Him. They gave Him precious gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They said, “We saw His star and came to honor Him!”

This story shows us how God uses special signs to guide people to Jesus. Just like the wise men, we can trust that God wants to lead us to Him. When we follow His light, we find love, peace, and a King who cares for us.

## Activities

- **Star Path Race:** Teams walk or crawl through a glowing “star path” (a flashlight or lighted star) to a Bible verse, then decorate a plate with gold/silver paper and write a promise to trust God’s direction.
- **Stable Collage:** Cut out and arrange printed or hand-drawn elements (animals, stars, shepherds) to form a collage of the stable scene, then reflect on how God’s love was visible in that humble moment.

## Teaching Tip

Keep the activity interactive! Use visuals (puppets, crafts) and repeat key messages to reinforce understanding.

## Prayer Focus

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the bright light You shine on us every day—like the star that led the wise men to baby Jesus! We pray that every child in this class learns to trust You and follow Your guidance, just like those wise

men did. Help us to stay brave and kind, to listen when You speak, and to be open to discovering Your will, even when it's hard or unfamiliar. Amen!

### **Missions Focus**

The Magi (wise men) likely came from Persia (modern-day Iran). Today, Iran has one of the fastest-growing church movements in the world. Many Iranians are discovering that the “star” their ancestors may have followed leads to Jesus.

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