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WISE MEN LOOK FOR THE NEW KING (Matthew 2:1-12)



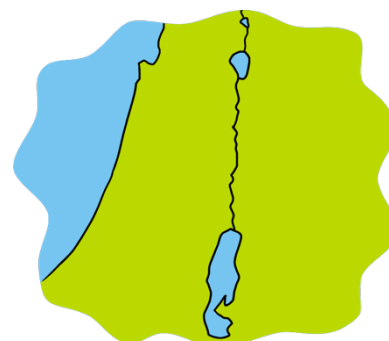
The Bible says that after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph stayed in Bethlehem. The Bible talks about something that happened when Jesus was living there as a little boy. He may have been a few months old or even 2 years old.

In a far country in the East, lived some wise men called magi. These wise men studied the stars and were excited when a bright new star appeared in the sky. They said, "This is a sign that a new King has been born. We must go worship Him."

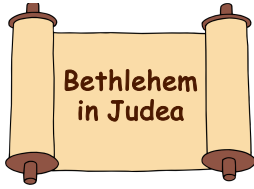


They packed gifts for the new King and set off to find Him. They followed the new bright star for many weeks.

The star led them towards the land of the Jews. They travelled to the city of Jerusalem where King Herod lived.

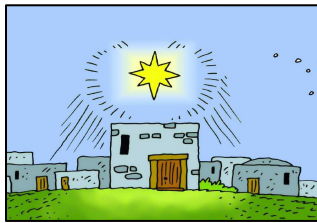


The wise men went to see King Herod. They asked, "Where is the baby that will be the new king?"



Herod's helpers checked the scrolls to find the words of the prophet Micah. Many years ago, Micah had said that the new king would be born in Bethlehem.

Herod said, "Go and find the young child. When you find Him, let me know so I can go and worship Him too." The wise men didn't know that Herod wanted to kill the new baby King.



So, they started out towards Bethlehem. They followed the special star until it was right above the house where Joseph, Mary and the little boy Jesus were living.

The Wise Men went into the house. They bowed down and worshiped Jesus. They knew he would grow up to be king.



The wise men gave gifts to the little boy Jesus. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were special perfumes and spices and were very valuable.

That night God spoke to the Wise Men in a dream. God told them not to go back to Herod. So, the wise men went back to their home country by another road. God protected baby Jesus. He didn't let Herod hurt him.



God is more powerful than anyone, even Herod. Even from the beginning of time, God had a great plan to send His Son into the world. God always works out His plan!

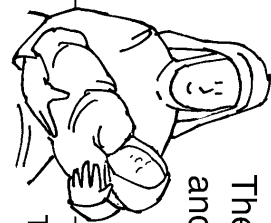
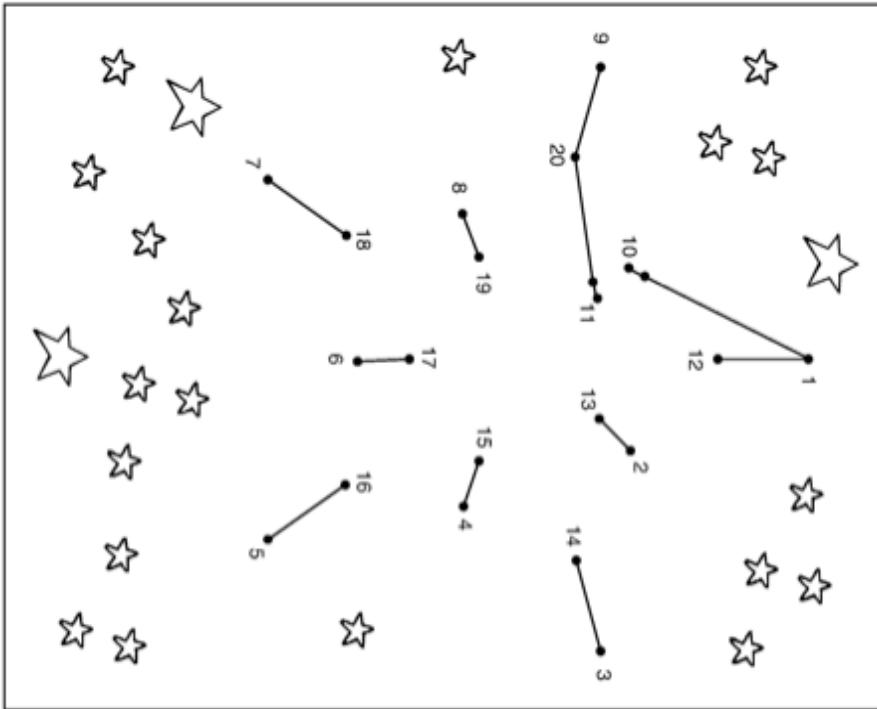
The Bible says, "God so loved the world, that He sent His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Thank you, God, for Jesus!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITIES

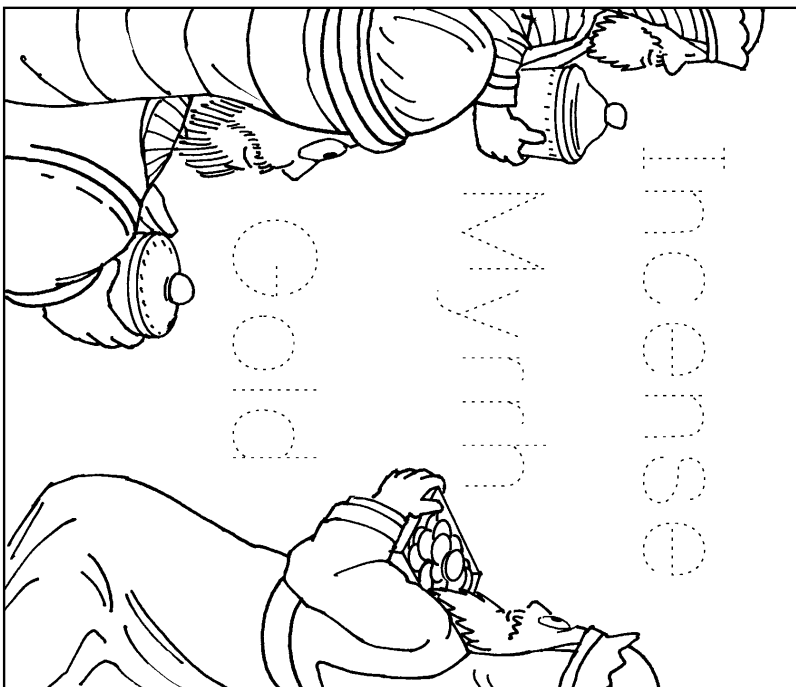
The wise men followed a new star that had appeared bright in the sky.

Connect the dots to complete the picture.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20



The wise men bowed down and worshiped baby Jesus. They brought Him special gifts.

Trace the words below.



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITIES



The Magi opened their treasures and presented baby Jesus with gifts. What did they bring?

Write the name of each picture on the lines.
The letters in the boxes spell the answers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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WISE MEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Across

3. It guided the wise Men.
6. The ruler of Judea when Jesus was born
7. A monarch or ruler
10. One of the wise men's gifts
11. Full of knowledge or experience

Down

1. The wise men gave Jesus this.
2. Another gift to Jesus
4. Journey to a different place
5. Praise or adore
8. The wise men gave three _____ to Jesus.
9. The wise men went to Bethlehem to see the Baby _____.