

After Jesus was born

The story of the Wisemen



Directions

We hope you enjoy this fun packet to help teach the story of the three wisemen. You can be very creative or very simple with the story. Enjoy!

1. Print out three crown pages and one star page.
2. Cut out the crown and tape both sections together to fit your child.
3. You may also cut out the star, this is optional.
4. As you read the story, have the children create the sound effects highlighted in bold (you can also create the sounds with them).

Matthew 2:1-12

Visitors from the East

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod (**BOO!**). About that time some wise men (**have kids place the crown on their head**) from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem (**say hello**), asking, 2 “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star (**hold up star**) as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” (**mimicking an angel chorus of “Ahhhhh”**)

3 King Herod (**BOO!**) was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel. (**say “Micah 5:2!**) ***That is what Matthew was referring to in this verse.**

7 Then Herod (**BOO!**) called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!” (**skeptical “Hmmm”**)

9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star (**hold up star**), they were filled with joy! (**WOOHOO!**) 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. (**have kids bow down**) Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, (**Camel moan**) for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. (**BOO!**)





