

The Bright Star and Three Visitors
Matthew 2:1-23
(Pages 286-295 in the Beginners Bible)

When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some Wise Men who lived far away saw this star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born.

The Wise Men followed the star. On their way, they stopped in the city of Jerusalem to see King Herod. The Wise Men wanted to ask him about the baby king.

Now, Herod was a mean king. He tried to trick the Wise Men. "You must find him for me so I can worship him too," he said.

The star led the Wise men to Bethlehem. There they found little Jesus. They worshiped him and gave him gifts fit for a king: Gold and sweet-smelling spices.

An angel appeared to the Wise Men in a dream. He warned them, "Do not go back to King Herod." So the Wise Men went home on a different road.

When the Wise Men did not return, King Herod became very angry. He yelled at his soldiers, "Go and find the boy! I will be the only king of the Jews!"

But God's angel warned Joseph in a dream, "Take your family and escape to Egypt. Do not return until I tell you it is safe."

That night, Joseph and Mary left for Egypt with baby Jesus.

Years later, God's angel said to Joseph in a dream, "King Herod is dead. Now, it is safe to leave Egypt." So Joseph, Mary, and Jesus left Egypt and went back home to Nazareth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Discussion questions:

1. Wise Men came from the east looking for Jesus. What did they follow to find Him?
2. What did they want to do when they found Jesus?
3. What did the visitors bring with them?
4. Is a star bright or dull?
5. Did you know Jesus is called the Bright Morning Star?

Activity ideas:

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Craft ideas:

We Three Kings



1. On a piece of white paper, paint an evening sky with blue and purple watercolor paints. Paint a brown strip of land at the bottom.
2. Sprinkle salt on the picture to resemble stars in the sky while the paint is still wet. Set aside the painting with the salt on it until it dries.
3. Cut out pictures of the three wise men and camel and trace onto black construction paper. Cut out the black silhouettes of the three wise men and a camel.
4. When the watercolor painting is dry, carefully brush off the excess salt

from the paper.

5. Place the black silhouettes on the painted paper and glue in place with a glue stick.

