



## **THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. MAGI VISIT JESUS**

**Date:** Sunday January 4, 2026 **Teachers:** Cara P, Michelle V

**Props:** from home: \*\* at centre: cut out star/crown from construction paper in black bin

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matthew 2:1-21

**Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)**

**Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)**

**Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)**

**Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!**

**INTRO TO LESSON JR & SR COMBINED:** Susan (scramble words, gold, frankincense and myrrh)

**Mike**

(ask kids to decode)

Even though Christmas is over, it is still the season of Christmas that we consider that Christ Has Come and Christ is coming Again! This Sunday in particular is the Sunday before the Epiphany that we celebrate when God revealed His glorious rescue plan to the Magi from the far East. God put this star in the sky like a spotlight that shouted, "Here He is everyone! This is My Son!" A few magi were on the lookout for this sign. They had studied the promises that God had made long ago. They searched with their eyes and thought with their brains and trusted with their hearts that when this star appeared, it would lead them to God's promised King. God announced the birth of His Son by sending a choir of angels to some ordinary shepherds in the fields. Then a star appeared in the sky. We are going to hear today about some men who traveled from far away to Jesus. They were people who didn't worship Jesus and yet because they studied the stars, they knew that something cosmic was up and this star was a sign of the Divine. They came to worship a King who was born in Bethlehem- but this wasn't an ordinary king, this King was going to rule the world by laying down His life to give us life!

## **THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO) "THE MAGI VISITED"**

### **DISCUSSION VIDEO**

**Nate**

This video thinks a bacon bubblegum burrito bowl is a thing that is valuable, but we know that is silly! When we think about the best gift at Christmas we think about God giving his life through Jesus the Son.

Jesus is our greatest treasure! There is nothing more wonderful and more valuable than Jesus. The magi knew to give gifts, because giving is the expression of a heart full of worship and gratitude. We can do nothing to earn the gift of God's grace. Once we receive the gift of God's grace, our hearts should want to give God gifts back out of gratitude. That's what worship is all about!

**DISMISS JR -GR.1**

**ACTIVITY: materials:** (activity page maze/follow the star ask a volunteer to help you guide the wise men to Jesus)

Even though Christmas is over, we are still celebrating that Jesus came to earth and today, we are going to learn about some wise men who traveled a long way to visit Jesus after He was born, they didn't come when He was a baby but when He was about 2 years old....do you know a 2 year old? The wise men saw a star in the sky. This special star was in the sky to announce Jesus's birth and it was used by the wise men to follow it to find Jesus. A King was born- but this wasn't an ordinary king, this King was going to rule the world by laying down His life to give us life!

## GOSPEL GEMS

*Michelle*

Wise men came to worship Jesus!

Jesus is King!

**SING A SONG:** Go tell it on the mountain

**“Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere!**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!”**

**ACTIVITY: What gift would you bring?**

*Cara*

The wise men brought gifts that were special to them and from their culture. They brought gifts that were telling a story of what Jesus would do in the future by giving his life for his good world. What is a special gift that you would bring to show your worship of Jesus. *(ask each child by name: Isla, what would you bring?)*

**ACTIVITY: “The Brightest Star”**

*Cara*

**materials:** ( Flashlight \*(on phone is fine)/ black construction paper in bin with tiny holes in it, and one Big hole to be THE STAR) (if the room can get dark enough : ) )

Dim the lights and shine a flashlight under the paper to project the “stars” onto the ceiling. Invite preschoolers to lay on the floor and count the stars. Ask preschoolers to point out the biggest star.

The wise men lived in a far away land. They had been taught that God promised His people that He would send a special King. They watched the stars in the sky. When they saw God’s star, they knew God’s King was born. **The wise men worshiped Jesus.** Jesus is the King who will always be King. Jesus is the true King, and He deserves all our worship. **Jesus has Come and Is Coming!** He came to save us from sin and make us a part of God’s family, and He is coming again to make the world RIGHT again!

**CHOOSE BETWEEN ACTIVITY 1 or 2 or both if you wish “Follow the Leader”**

*Michelle*

**materials: (bring in a star from home if you have one or cut one out of construction paper)**

Invite the preschoolers to line up single file and to follow you around the room. Make the game more challenging by hopping, skipping, side-stepping, and traveling around or over obstacles. After a few moments, invite a preschooler to take over as leader and lead his friends around the room. Play until each child has a turn being the leader. In today’s Bible story we learned about some wise men who saw a bright star in the sky. When they saw the star, they followed the star all the way to Jesus just like we played follow-the-leader! Jesus is the Bright and morning star and we follow him by trusting in His love for us!

**ACTIVITY 2 materials: (Trace feet on paper and tape it to the floor to make a path.)**

Instruct each preschooler to stand along the path and wait for an adult helper to come around to trace her feet.

Trace each child’s feet and write her name where she was standing. After all of the children’s feet have been traced, invite the children to decorate their traced feet with crayons and markers.

The wise men traveled a long, long way to see Jesus! The wise men worshiped Jesus when they saw Him. Jesus was important to the wise men, and Jesus should be important to us. Jesus is King of everything, and He is worthy of worship and praise!

**PRAYER: *Jesus, you are the only one worthy of our worship!***

**COLOURING SHEET/PLAY TIME & SNACK**