

The Wise Men's Visit

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Bible Phrase: The wise men brought gifts to Jesus. *Matthew 2:11*

Scripture Reference: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Bible Story: One day some wise men from a faraway place came to Jerusalem. They were looking for a special child who had been born. They were looking for Jesus. The wise men went to see King Herod.

"Where is this special child?" the wise men asked. "We have seen a bright star in the sky. We know the star means that this special child has been born."

When King Herod heard this, he became upset. He had not heard about Jesus' being born. The king called together all the church helpers. He asked them if they knew where Jesus was to be born.

"We know that a special child was to be born in Bethlehem," the church helpers answered.

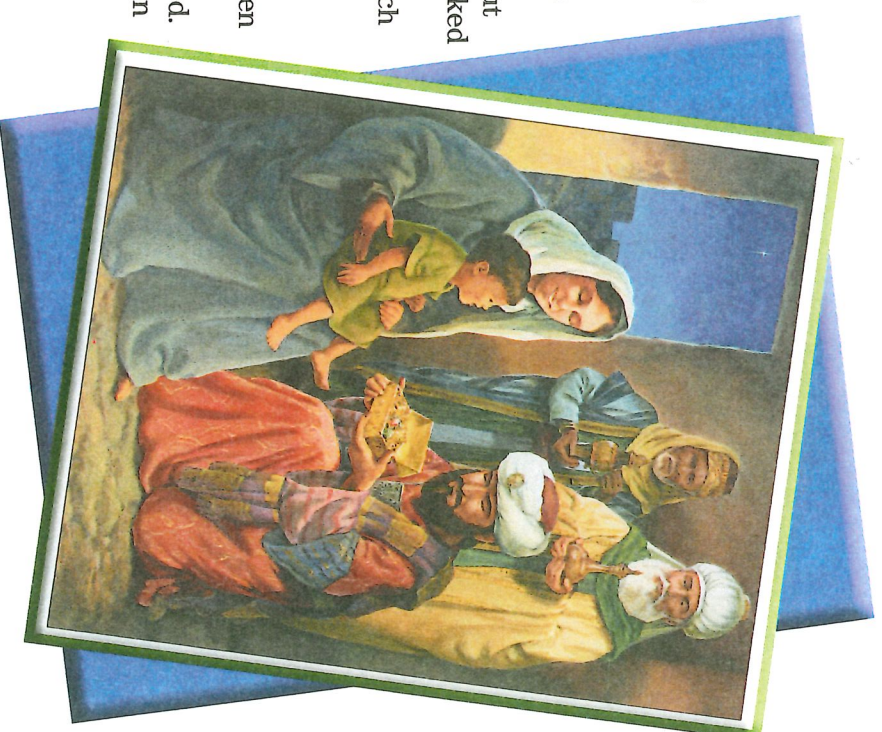
Then King Herod told the wise men, "Go to Bethlehem and look for Jesus there."

The wise men began their trip to Bethlehem. The same star they had seen went ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was. The wise men followed the star to the house where Jesus and His family lived.

The wise men went into the house and found Mary and Jesus. The men were so happy to see Jesus! They bowed down and thanked God for sending Jesus. The wise men gave Jesus gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then the wise men left to return to their home far away.

Parents:

- Explain that we give gifts to others to show love. The wise men gave gifts to Jesus; they showed love to Him.
 - Read the Bible phrase. Sing (tune "The Farmer in the Dell"): "The wise men brought Him gifts. / *(Repeat.)*
- Gold and myrrh and frankincense. / The wise men brought Him gifts."



What Happened Next?

Look at the pictures of the wise men's visit to see Jesus. What happened first? Point to the picture. Then point to what happened next. What happened last?

