

Bible Lesson

## 4. Wise Men Give Gifts to Jesus

Matthew 2



When the wise men saw Mary and Jesus, they fell and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

## **Wise Men Give Gifts to Jesus**

Men in the East read God's Word. It said, "A star will rise when my King is born."

They said, "We will follow this star." These wise men were kings. They put gifts onto their camels. They traveled hundreds of miles. Up and down hills. Over deserts. Past towns.

In Jerusalem, they asked, "Where is the child King? We saw his star. We have come to worship him."

In Bethlehem, the big, bright star shone down upon Jesus. The men felt they would burst with joy. They found Jesus with Mary. The mighty kings bowed low. They worshipped Jesus and said, "We bring you treasures from our land."

"Take my gold to welcome your birth." Gold is the gift of kings.

"Take my frankincense." This perfume is strong and sweet.

"Take my myrrh. Save this oil for your death." After all, Jesus was born to die. The kings went home. Their bags were empty but their hearts were full.

Jesus grew. He was indeed strong and sweet.

## Questions

1. What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?
2. If you are wise, what will you do with Jesus?
3. What gifts did the kings give Jesus?
4. What gifts can you give him?

## Pray this Prayer:

Dear King Jesus,  
I worship you. Thank you for coming to earth to be born, to live a sweet life, and then to die for me. Make me wise, too! I want to honor you with gifts. I offer you:

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Amen.

Write on the gifts what you might give to Jesus.



## Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing 4. Wise Men Give Gifts to Jesus

Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

### Before you read:

#### Activate Prior Knowledge

- How do you get to church? How did the wise men travel?
- How do people find their way to a new place? How do you think the wise men found their way to Jesus?
- What gifts do we bring to a newborn baby? What gifts do you think the kings brought to baby Jesus?

### After you read:

#### We Three Kings

Children love Christmas songs. This child-friendly video is a nice introduction to the song "We Three Kings." Also, check out the classic version by Mario Lanza. The lyrics are on the following pages. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUBTERdTKUg>  
Explain these words to the children: Orient, reign, and deity.

#### Time, Talent, Treasure

On the next page, discuss gifts God has given you. Maybe you have a friendly spirit and are not afraid to go to a new or lonely child to make them feel comfortable. Discuss ways you can use your money to help others. Go to: <https://worldhelp.net/gifts/> to find gifts you can give to the needy around the world. For example, you can give shoes to a poor, barefoot child in Haiti or clean water to a child in Sudan.

#### Travel Then and Now

Discuss the difficulties the wise men might have endured during their journey that lasted at least two months: cold winds, no inns to stay in, getting food, finding firewood to keep warm at night, having to care for camels' food and their sore feet and nasty temperaments, cloudy nights that may have obscured the star, etc. Discuss how easy it is for us today to travel to find Jesus (at church). Act out the Magi's journey and discuss the details as you travel up and down stairs, at ponds for watering (sink), sleeping on hard floors, etc.

## Time, Talent, and Treasure

God is invisible; so how can we bring him gifts today? Jesus told us that when we help a needy person, it is just as though we are helping him (Matthew 25:40). Fill in the prayer with ways you can help others daily with your time, skills, and money. Come back later to see how you are doing using your time, talents, and treasure to build the kingdom of God. Color in the drawing as you grow in sharing yourself. Remember that Jesus cherishes your heart above all!

**Dear King Jesus, please help me to share with others my...**

### Time

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Talent

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURE

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

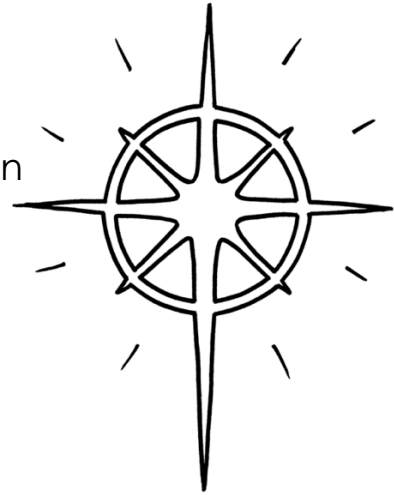


## We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

### Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light



Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

### Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high



### Refrain

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

### Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies



### Refrain