

Wise Men Follow the Star (I Wrote This Story)

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**Does anyone know what we call a person who
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**An astronomer knows the stars so well that
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In the Bible in the book of Matthew, the astronomers are called “Wise Men”.

I am sure they were called this because they are SOOO smart and they knew SOOO much about the stars.

When Jesus was born, God hung a new star in the sky. This star was bigger and brighter than any star the wise men had ever seen before. When they saw the star, they knew that it could mean only one thing.

It meant that a king had been born. Not just any king, but THE KING. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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“Come quickly, look at this star,” one of them probably said. “Why it’s bigger and brighter than any I’ve ever seen! What do you suppose it means?”

“It can only mean one thing,” another one probably replied, “A KING has been born!”

The Wise Men were from the East so to see the new King, they would have to travel a long way. It would take a long, long time to travel that far but they wanted to see the new King so they decided that they would make the long journey.

When the wise men had traveled as far as Jerusalem, they began to ask people “Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

During this time, King Herod was the ruler over that area. When he heard what the wise men were asking, he was troubled, as well as all the people in Jerusalem.

He called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them if they knew where the Christ was supposed to be born.

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they said, “He will be born in the town of
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**When Herod had heard these things, he had a
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**After the king had spoken with the wise men,
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**Now King Herod didn’t really want to find
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No, he wanted to find Him so that he could
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**You see, when King Herod heard that the
wise men were looking for a NEW KING, he
became very angry.**

He probably shouted things like; “A new King. What do you mean a new King? I’m the king and there is no other. I’ll put a stop to this kind of talk.”

He probably ranted and raved and shouted, “How dare someone think they can take my job.”. “I will make sure that this NEVER happens.”

Herod was going to do whatever he needed to do to make sure that he remained the king even if it meant killing someone.

After the wise men had spoken with the king, they continued their long journey.

The star that they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy.

They came to the house where the child was and saw Him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Christ Child that they had been traveling so far and so long to see, was sitting right there in front of them.

How awesome it must have been to meet Jesus' face to face.

The wise men had traveled for many, many months to see the new King. He wasn't a tiny baby anymore. He was probably around 18 months to two years old.

What a wonderful time the wise men must have had that day. Can you imagine how awesome it was to look into the face of Jesus? To speak with him, to perhaps even hold him. What a special blessing they had received that day. One I am sure they never forgot.

Now before the wise men began to travel back to their hometown, God spoke to them in a

dream. He told them not to go back to Herod, so they returned to their own country by a different way.

When King Herod saw that the wise men had tricked him, he was furious. He was going to find this king and kill Him no matter what.

But God was watching over baby Jesus. The angel of the Lord came to Joseph, his earthly father, in a dream. He said “Get up! Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, because Herod is starting to look for the child so he can kill him. Stay in Egypt until I tell you to return.

So, Joseph got up and left for Egypt during the night with the child and his mother. God had protected his Son Jesus. He led him from Bethlehem to Egypt where He safe. Jesus and His family remained in Egypt until after King Herod had died and it was safe to return.

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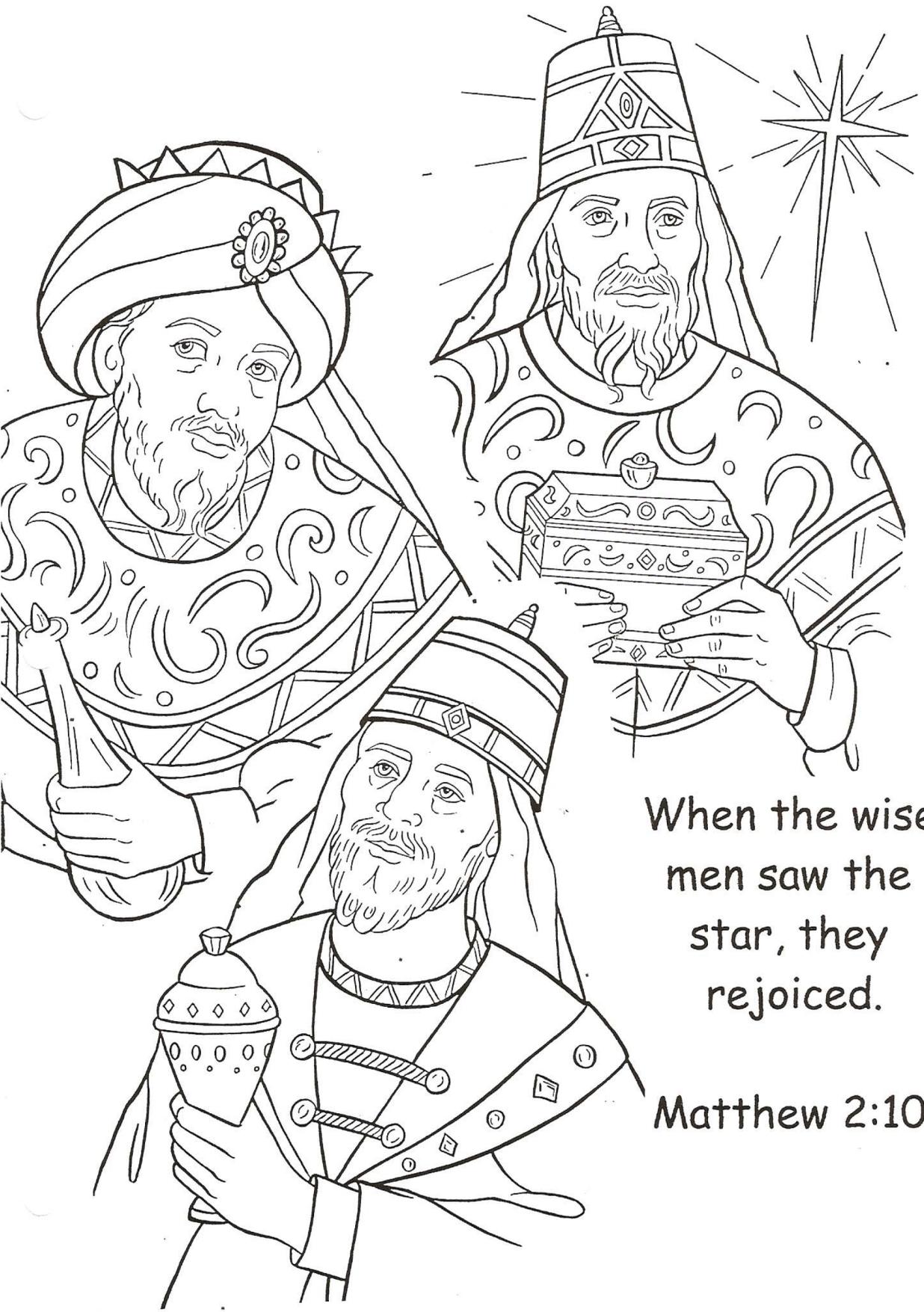
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Memory Verse
The Angels
Praised God
Luke 2:13



The Three Wise Men Following the Star





When the wise
men saw the
star, they
rejoiced.

Matthew 2:10

Kaleidoscope

Using various colors of **plastic** notebook divider pages, cut the plastic into various small size shapes.

Using a plastic crystal light container (or any plastic, cylinder type container with a lid)
Cut one round hole into the top (center) of the lid (approx. dime size)

Measure the diameter of the container. Example: If the container has a 2" diameter, multiply the 2" X 3 = 6". Now subtract 1/2" which would now make 5 1/2"- This will be the width of the piece of cardboard you will need to cut. Remember this number. (this number will be considered the width size)

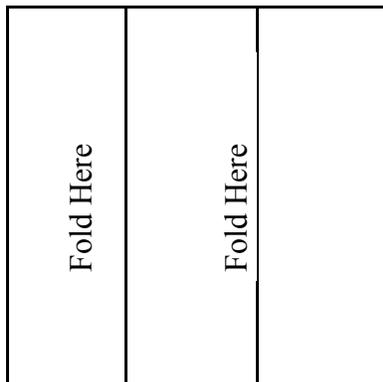
Now take the inside height of your container. From the bottom (inside) of the container to the top. Stopping where the lid would fit. Let's say your container measures 6" from top to bottom. Now take off about 1/2" making your measurement 5 1/2". Now remember this number. (this will be considered the height size)

Cut a piece of cardboard using the measurements. 5 1/2" X 5 1/2".

Cut a piece of aluminum foil that is larger than the cardboard and wrap the cardboard with foil. Only one side has to be wrapped completely.

Fold the cardboard into thirds. (Foil side on the inside of tube) Retaining the height but folding on the width side.

Diagram below:



View from the top



View from front



Fold the 3 sides to make a triangle shape and tape at the seam

Place a piece of plastic wrap over one end of your triangle shaped tube. Tape down all edges of the plastic wrap so that none of your plastic designs will get trapped under the plastic later.

Put several of the plastic dividers pieces into the tube, place the triangle shaped cylinder into the tube (plastic wrap side in first). Put lid on.

Decorate the outside as desired.



Wise Men Still Seek Him

Wise Men and An Angry King

Crown Craft Instructions

Using the template, cut out either the king or queen crown.

Cut out two extra strips (per crown) of coordinating foam measuring approx. 6" X 1" each

Supply the children with glue and sequins, beads, etc to decorate their crowns.

Allow them to decorate their crowns as they wish.

After the glue has dried, attach (Staple) the two coordinating strips. (1 to each side of the crown at the base. (Look for the X's on the King Crown Pattern)

Now stretch the crown around the child's head to measure how big to make the crown. Lap the strips (one over the other) and staple 2 or 3 times.

After you have stapled the strips, you can use a sharpie pen and write across the strips "Jesus is King"

(Note) If using any items that are heavy; such as beads or buttons, instruct the children to place them around the base of the crown only. If they are heavy and you put them onto the points of the crown, the crown peaks will fall forward.

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