

## WINTER 2025-26

Unit 1, Session 4

### CONNECTION

**POINT:** The birth of Jesus brings us to a place of authentic and true worship.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Worship is our response to God for who He is, what He has done, and what He continues to do. In John 4:23, Jesus instructed us to worship the Father in spirit and truth. The importance of this brings us to a place of truth and authenticity. As we will learn today, from the very beginning of Jesus's life on earth, some desired to know and worship Him while others saw Him as a threat and wanted Him removed.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:13-23

**Live It Out:** Remind your child that Jesus is God's Son. Say that God protected Jesus and His plan for Him. Say a prayer with your child thanking God for sending Jesus.

After Jesus was born, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that King Herod wanted to hurt Jesus.

The angel told Joseph to get up and quickly take his family to a country called Egypt. Jesus would be safe there.

Joseph got up right away. During the night, he took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

King Herod was very angry. He hurt all the baby boys in Bethlehem that were under two years old. But Jesus was safe in Egypt.

Once Herod was no longer king, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him it was safe to go back to Israel.

Joseph obeyed and took Mary and Jesus to live in a town called Nazareth

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Live It Out:** How does your family worship? Help your child plan a family worship. She can pick Bible readings and songs for your family to sing together and worship God together.

Wise men from the east followed a special star until they reached Jerusalem.

The wise men asked, "Where is he who has been born the king of the Jews? We saw his star and have come to worship him." King Herod wanted to be the Jews only king.

Herod asked the priests where the Messiah would be born. The king's helpers told him the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

Herod told the wise men, "Go to Bethlehem. Come and tell me so I can worship the child."

The star led the men to the place where the child was. The wise men were filled with joy!

Inside the house, the wise men saw the child Jesus with Mary His mother. The wise men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The wise men did not go back to Herod, but returned home a different way.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-11

- What distracts us from hearing from the Lord?
- How does worship of self lead to emptiness? What does it promise?
- What are some indicators that we're worshipping self? How can we tell if our eyes are fixed on Jesus?

**Live It Out:** The wise men worshiped Jesus together. Reflect on the importance of community in worship. As a family this week, take time to worship together, either at church on Sunday during the service or around the dinner table. If at home, play worship music and spend time in prayer. Ask your student why he or she thinks community is an important part of worship. Share your thoughts as well.