

# WISE MEN VISIT BABY JESUS

**Bible Reference:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Date:** 12/21/25

**Age:** 2's/3's

**1st Service**

**Memory Verse:**

"God loved us and sent His Son"

1 John 4:10

**Theme:**

**God Sent us  
Jesus**

## Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15
- Bible Story.....9:15-9:30
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40
- Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05
- Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15
- Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40

## Notes and Reminders

Christmas is this week! We pray that you are encouraged by the reminders of the joy that it is to know that God sent Jesus to dwell with us on earth. We hope to celebrate you on Christmas Eve!

# OUTLINE



## Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

### Make a Mural

- Over the last several weeks, the children have decorated several posters to create a mural for their room. As children are interested, allow them to decorate/ color a poster and hang it on a wall. This week, the children will decorate a camel during first service and a wise man during second service.
- SAY Today we are going to learn when the wise men were told about baby Jesus . We decorated a poster of a camel like they might have rode to find him! Let's hang it on our wall!

### Follow the Star

- Help the children to get into a single file line. allow the child in front of to hold the paper star above their head and lead the line around the room. Rotate the children so everyone has a turn to lead the line and hold the star.
- SAY Great job everyone. You followed this small star around our room! In our story today we are going to learn about some men who followed a really big star to find Baby Jesus!





## Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

## Bible Story


9:15-9:30

### Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
  - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 286-290 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

### The Bright Star and Three Visitors (Matthew 2:1-12)

- When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some Wise men who lived far away saw this star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born.
  - The Wise men followed the star. On their way, they stopped in the city of Jerusalem to see King Herod. the Wise Men wanted to ask him about the baby king.
  - Now, Herod was a mean king. He tried to trick the Wise Men. "You must find him for me so I can worship him too," he said.
  - The star led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. There they found little Jesus. They worshiped him and gave him gifts fit for a king: gold and sweet-smelling spices.
  - An angel appeared to the Wise Men in a dream. He warned them, "Do not go back to King Herod." So the Wise Men went home on a different road.
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## Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our BIG IDEA of the week is: God sent us Jesus!

Give each child a star on a popsicle stick and allow them to decorate it with crayons. help each child to pick a color of ribbon and tie it directly below the star.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



## Friends from Afar

9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





## Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:50-10:05

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

**Prayer** (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, Thank you for helping the **Wise Men** find little Jesus. Help us to be smart like them. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

### Memory Verse

- "God loved us and sent His Son." 1 John 4:10
- This is the children's third week learning this verse. Review the motions and teach them to any children who have not learned them yet.
  - God- Point up
  - loved us- lay your hands over your heart
  - and sent us- point forward
  - His Son- make a motion like you are rocking a baby
  - 1 John 4- hold up 4 fingers
  - 10- hold up all 10 fingers
- Have the children join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

## Snack Time at Tables

10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





## Free Choice Play

**10:15-10:40**

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!







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