

WISE MEN VISIT BABY JESUS



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

Date: **12/21/25**

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

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"God loved us and sent His Son"
1 John 4:10

Theme:

God Sent us
Jesus

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10**
- **Bible Story.....11:10-11:25**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35**
- **Friends from Afar.....11:35-11:45**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:45-11:55**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....11:55-12:05**
- **Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15**

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

10:40-11:05

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 wise man! Let's hang it on our wall to see the finished picture of the Christmas story!

Find the Light

- Crack the Glowstick in your bin and shake it so that it lights up. Dim the lights in your room and have all of the children close their eyes. Hide the glowstick somewhere in the room, with the difficulty-level relative to the age of the children in your room.
- SAY Great job everyone! You used the light from the glow stick to help you find it! In our story today, we are going to learn about some men who used the light from a star to help them find Baby Jesus!

Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05-11:10

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

11:10-11:25

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.





Craft/Coloring Page

11:25-11:35

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 "Three Wise Men Visit Baby Jesus" craft page, three paper circles, and three paper crowns. Allow the children to color the page to see the triangles as three different wise men, the bottom as sand, and the top as the night sky. Help the children to glue the circles at the top of the triangles to be heads and the crowns on the circles to be the wise men's crowns.

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



Friends from Afar

11:35-11:45

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

11:45-11:55

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** protect little Jesus. Help us to be smart like them. In your 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

11:55-12:05

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

12:05-12:15

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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