

## DEAR PARENTS,

Just like you, your child heard how Jesus was born so we could be forgiven, and the wisemen worshipped Him to thank Him! Today's Bible story is from Matthew 2:1-12. You can help your child continue to grow like Jesus by using the activities in this Take-Home Paper. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! Complete one activity each day with the suggested schedule!



Look at the cover page together. Put their name on it and color the gifts from the kings. Say the One Thing together, "I Thank God!" Say the memory verse. Open your Bible to Isaiah 9:6 and show them. Talk about how Jesus was sent to us as a baby to help us!



Look at pages 1 and 2. This is the Bible story class. Read the story as your child points to the pictures. Ask your child about the favorite gift they ever received. The wisemen brought gifts to baby Jesus to thank Him. Talk about how Jesus loves your child, and we can show Him we love Him with worship! Help your child write the letters from the One Thing.



Look at pages 3 and 4. The wisemen had to find their way to Jesus. They Followed a star! Help your child through the maze then ask them to think of 2 things they are thankful for. Write them in the box. Pray with your child and thank God for the good things He gives.



Look at page 5. Read the poem to your child while they color. Read it again! We are following Jesus, too, like the wisemen did.



Look at page 6. Read Steve's words out loud to your child while they finish the star. How many things are you thankful for? Look through the completed Take-Home Paper and see all that you did and learned. What was your favorite part?



# Ever-Lasting Forgiveness

# TAKE-HOME PAPER EARLY CHILDHOOD

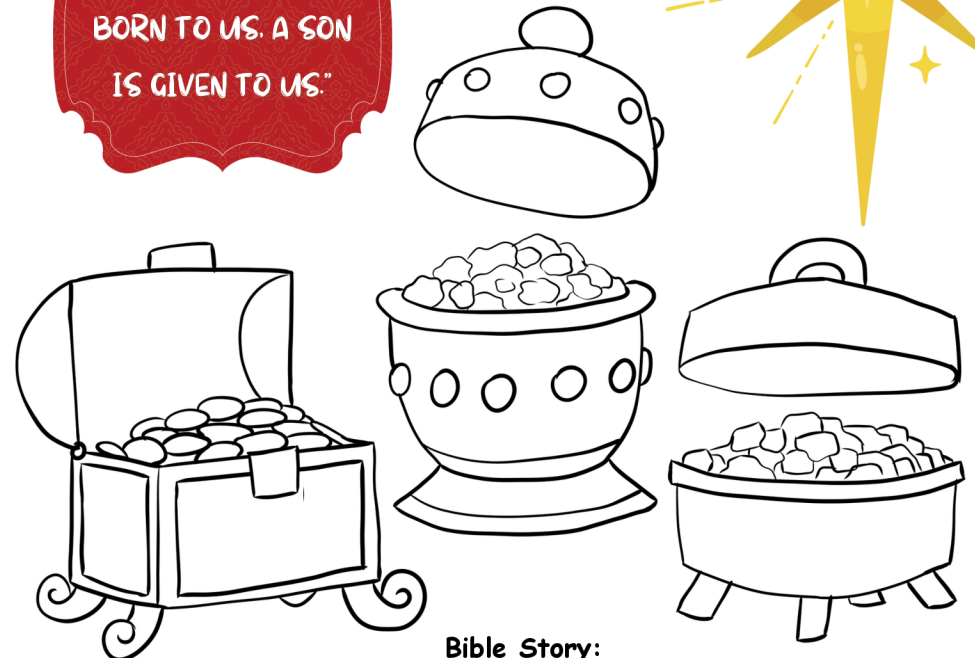


## PART 4

Name \_\_\_\_\_

"FOR A CHILD IS  
BORN TO US. A SON  
IS GIVEN TO US."

ONE THING  
I THANK GOD!



Bible Story:  
The Wisemen Follow The Star  
Matthew 2:1-12

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

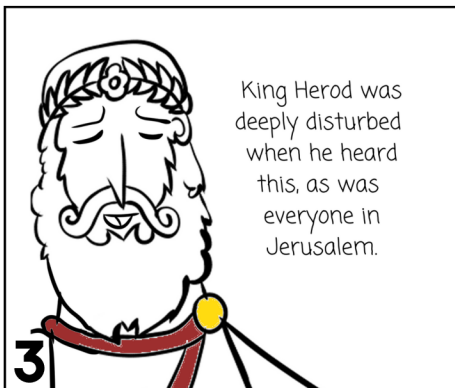
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# READ THE WISEMEN FOLLOW THE STAR

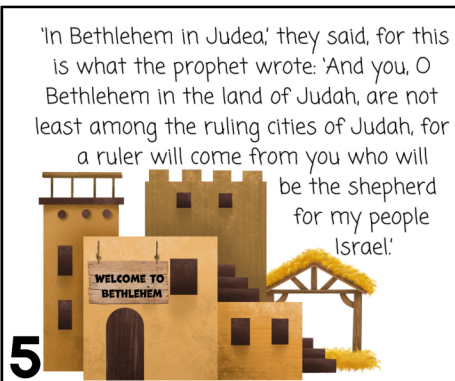
Matthew 2:1-12



1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.



King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

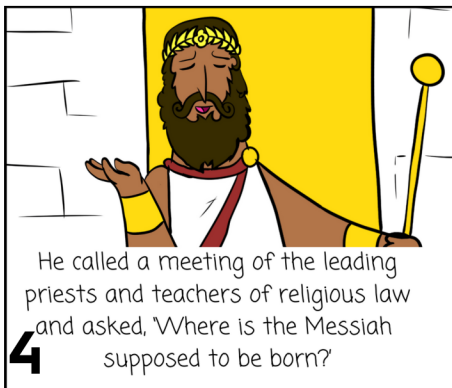


'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they said, for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'

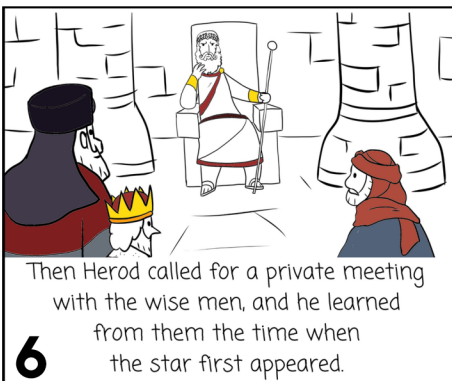
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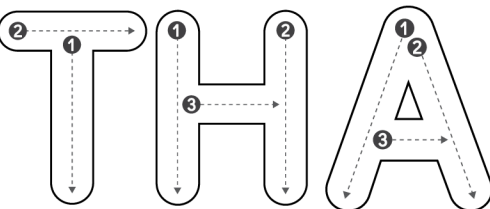
About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.'



He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, 'Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?'



Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared.



# READ STEVE'S WORDS AND FINISH THE STAR

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The wisemen bowed down and worshipped Jesus and brought Him special gifts. They were thanking Him for coming! We have so much to be thankful for, too. I am thankful for forgiveness. See if you can thank God for one thing every day this week! You will never run out of things to be \_\_\_\_\_ thankful for!

I Thank  
God!

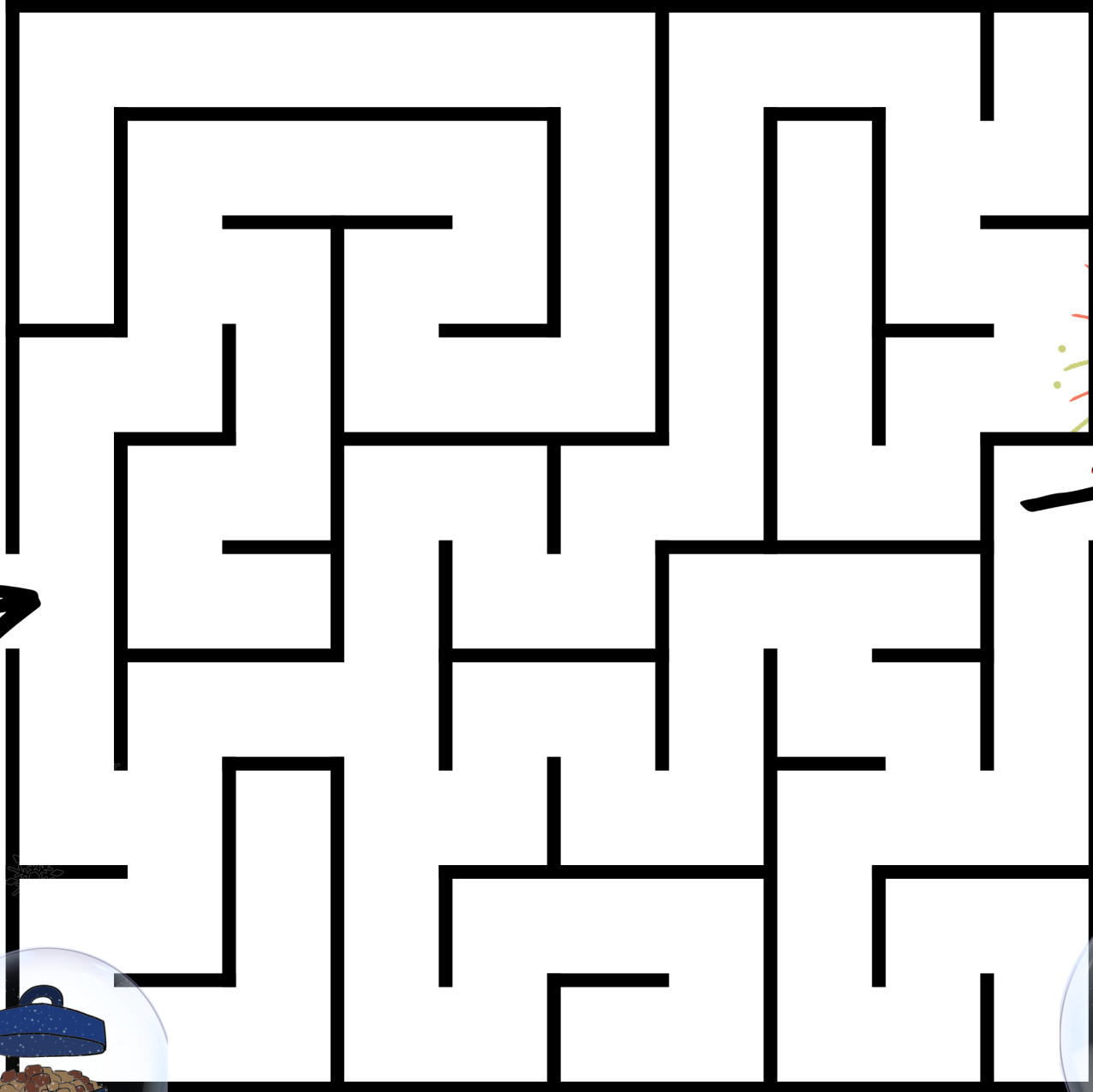
Steve



# THE WISEMEN THANKED GOD AND I WILL, TOO!

Directions:

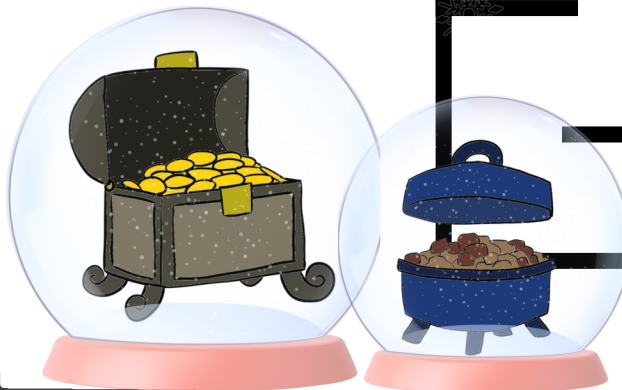
Use a crayon to help the wisemen find their way through the maze to Jesus so they can thank Him!



Write 2 things  
you are thankful  
to God for:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

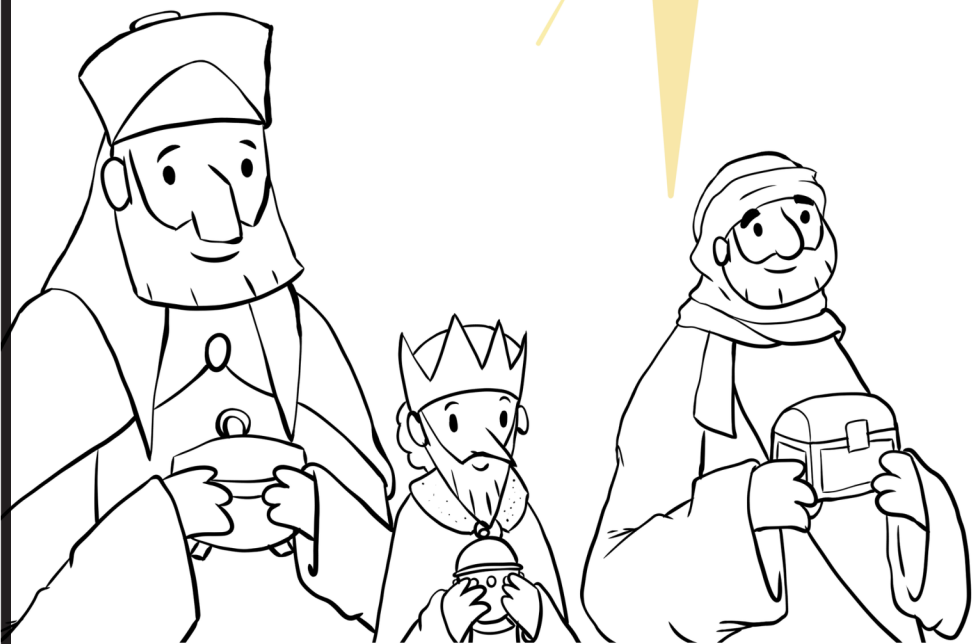
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# 5 READ THE POEM AND COLOR

Under a star so shiny and bright,  
Three wise men traveled all through the night.  
With gifts of love for a baby so small,  
They followed the star, the brightest of all.  
Remember their journey, remember it right,  
It's a tale of love on a silent night.



I Thank God!



# ...THEN WRITE THE ONE THING BELOW



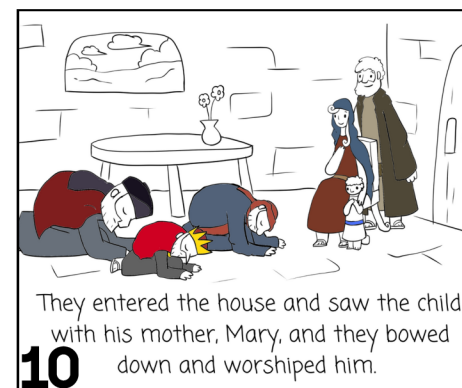
7 Then he told them, 'Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!'



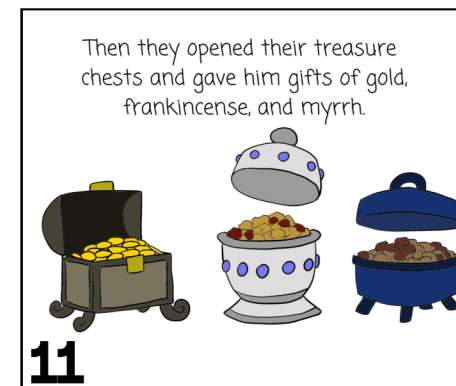
8 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.



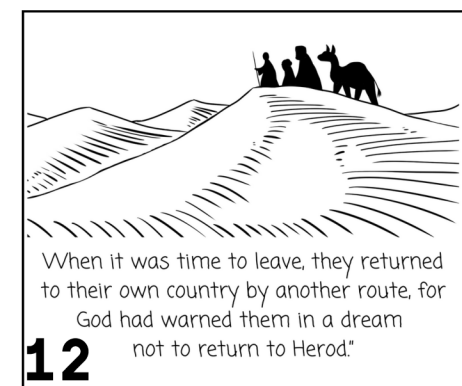
9 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!



10 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.



11 Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod."

I THANK GOD

