

December 2025 Lessons

Notes: Isn't it amazing that we get to celebrate the coming of Jesus! We just worked through the major highlights of the Old Testament and there is a theme of waiting patiently and obediently (well, they were supposed to) for the Savior to come. And we know that He did. He came and we live in that promise while we wait for Him to come again. Merry Christmas folks. Thank you for all you do!

Rainbow Routine	Fireweed Routine	Trees & Mountains Routine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music time ● Circle Time: Discuss the verse and basics of the Bible (God wrote this, parts of the Bible, how to treat it) & Lesson on the story - if kids will sit long enough ● Play time ● Table time - lesson on the story (if not done earlier or repeat it again) ● Snack Time ● Coloring page/activity/play time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greet the kids ● Ask if they memorized the verse from last week, work on verse with kids who are interested ● Music time ● Bathroom ● Snack ● Movement game ● Lesson time at rug (story & memory verse) ● Craft/coloring page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greet kids / arrival activities (verse work, clipboards, free drawing) ● Music time ● Lesson on the story ● Split into groups / rotate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prayer ○ Activities/crafts ○ Lesson recap ○ Memory verse <p>*If there are not enough helpers, sometimes it is easier to do it altogether instead of splitting and rotating kids.</p>

Dec 7, 2025 - The Angel Comes to Mary and Joseph

Dec 14, 2025 - Jesus is Born

Dec 21, 2025 - The Wisemen Visit Baby Jesus

**Dec 28, 2025 - Clipboard Sunday for Kinder-5th grade /
Repeat Jesus is Born for Rainbow**

The Wisemen Visit Baby Jesus

Matthew 2

Story:

★ Introduction & Story:

Jesus is here!! Today's story is about the wisemen visiting. We don't know how old Jesus was when they visited, but we do know that it wasn't the night that He was born. It's important to remember that angels announced His birth, shepherds visited, and now the wisemen. All of these visitors show that Jesus came for more than just the rich, fancy Israelite leaders... He came for everyone, but not everyone wanted Jesus to come.

During the time that Jesus was born there was a very mean king named Herod that ruled the land.

Soon after Jesus was born a group of wisemen (Magi) noticed a new star in the sky. We don't know how many wisemen there were or what their names were. These men were very well educated, and they knew a lot of things, especially about religion and the stars. They lived a long way east of Israel. When they saw the star, they knew that it meant that the king of the Jews had been born. They traveled to Jerusalem and went to King Herod to ask where they could find this baby who was born to be the king of the Jews so that they could go and worship him.

King Herod was worried, because he wanted to be the only king. He called together all the chief priests and scribes and asked them what the scriptures said about where the Messiah would be born. They told him about the scripture in Micah that says he would be born in Bethlehem.

Herod told the wisemen to go to Bethlehem and find the child and then report back to him so that he too could go and worship. But he did not really want to worship Jesus. He wanted to kill him.

The wisemen went on their way. They saw the star in the sky. It led them until it came to the place where the child was. They were so happy. They entered a house and there they found Mary with Jesus. They fell to their knees and worshipped him. They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Let's talk about those three gifts. (For younger kids, the meaning and use of myrrh might be difficult. You might not want to leave out the part about it being used in preparation of a body.)

Gold: Gold was a symbol of deity (GOD) and is mentioned throughout the Bible (especially with kings). It also was very valuable and would have helped Joseph and Mary as they were not wealthy people. This gift shows that Jesus is King.

Frankincense: This is a white sap or resin from a tree. It is very fragrant (smells good) when it is burned. It was burned in worship as a pleasant offering to God. It was a symbol of righteousness and holiness. This gift shows that Jesus is God and worthy of worship.

Myrrh: This was also a sap that came from a tree. It was also fragrant, but different from frankincense. It has a bitter smell. It was often used as part of the preparation of a body for burial. It is a symbol of suffering. This gift points to how Jesus would suffer and die on the cross.

They were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod. So, they went home by a different route.

(This section is probably only for the older group.)

King Herod was very angry when he realized that the wisemen were not coming back to him. He ordered that all boys in Bethlehem age 2 and younger were to be killed. He thought that he would surely kill Jesus, and he would not need to worry about Jesus being king of the Jews.

However, Joseph was warned by an angel of the Lord. The angel told him to take the child and Mary to Egypt until King Herod was no longer a threat. After King Herod died, Joseph and Mary returned to Israel and settled in Nazareth.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** It is important to know that when Jesus came - people missed His birth. Not everyone knew about it and not everyone wanted Him to come. The wisemen had to point it out to the king. The same is true today. Not everyone knows about Jesus and not everyone wants to follow God. But our role is to know Him and share Him with others

because what baby Jesus grows up to do (die on the cross, fix the relationship we can have with God) is the most important thing we can tell others.

- God's Character - He keeps His promises
- Spiritual Habits - We should share the Gospel because there are people who do not know about Jesus.

Follow Up:

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

★ **Examine:**

- Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
He keeps His promises
- Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"
- Comprehension Questions:
 - How old do you think Jesus was when the wisemen came to him? (He may have been an older child, maybe a toddler. The bible specifically uses the term "child" instead of "baby" and King Herod ordered all boys 2 years old and younger to be killed. We need to think about how long it would have taken the wisemen to travel to Bethlehem.)
 - Do you find it interesting that King Herod did not want there to be a "King of the Jews" but he knew that scripture talked about it?
 - Angels are mentioned many times in the telling of the birth of Jesus. An angel came to Zechariah to tell him about John the Baptist's birth. An angel came to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus. An angel talked to Joseph and told him to marry Mary and be the earthly father to Jesus. Angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. An angel told the wisemen not to go back to Herod. And an angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt. I think this tells us how important Jesus was.

★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?" Spiritual Habits - We should share the Gospel because there are people who do not know about Jesus.

★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

★ **Verse:** James 1:17 - Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Sticky Activities:

★ Activity pages

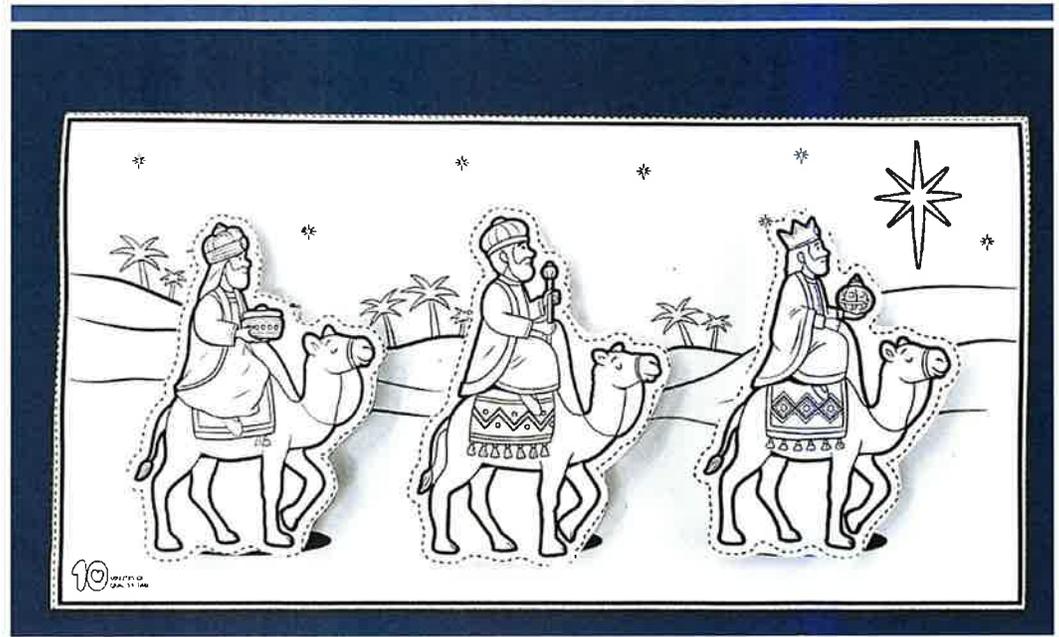
★ Coloring pages

★ Crafts:

- <https://members.10minutesofqualitytime.com/product/the-three-wise-men-craft/>



- <https://members.10minutesofqualitytime.com/product/the-three-wise-men-traveling-under-the-star-of-bethlehem-craft/>



★ **Movement activities:**

A. “Follow the Star Relay”

- Put a star on a stick or flashlight.
- Kids follow wherever it moves — fast, slow, zigzag, crawling, etc.
- End at the “house” where Jesus was.

B. “Gift Delivery Run”

Give kids three objects to represent:

- Gold
- Frankincense
- Myrrh

They run to deliver each gift one at a time to a basket labeled “Jesus.”

C. “Camel Walk Race”

Kids race while:

- Stepping high

- Swaying side to side
- Carrying a “gift” on their back (soft object)

Sensory Experiences:

Touch / Tactile

- **Gold coin**, shiny bead, or foil-wrapped cardboard circle
- **Frankincense** resin piece (or a smell-alike essential oil on cotton)
- **Myrrh** (or similar resin/essential oil)
- **Small treasure boxes** to open and close
- A **smooth star cutout** to follow

Sound / Auditory

- Quiet “travel” sounds: footsteps, soft drums
- Play a sound cue when the star appears (chimes or bell)

Visual

- **Large star** on the wall or glow star with flashlight
- Kids follow a taped path or star trail
- Gold fabric or sparkly cloth for treasure

Movement / Kinesthetic

- **Follow-the-star walk** (kids follow a leader holding a star)
- Bowing gesture → “The wise men worshiped Jesus”
- “Long journey” slow marching with treasure boxes

Smell / Scent

- **Frankincense** scent (resin, incense, or essential oil)
- **Myrrh**
- Or simple: **vanilla + spice** to represent gifts brought to honor a king

Send Home Page: See attached

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James 1:17

Fill in the Blanks

Every _____ and _____
gift is from _____, coming
_____ from the _____ of
_____.

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Matthew 2:1-12

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Far away from Bethlehem there lived some wise men. These men knew many important things. When Jesus was born, God wanted these wise men to know the good news. So God put a very bright star in the sky. The wise men knew this star meant a great new King had been born.

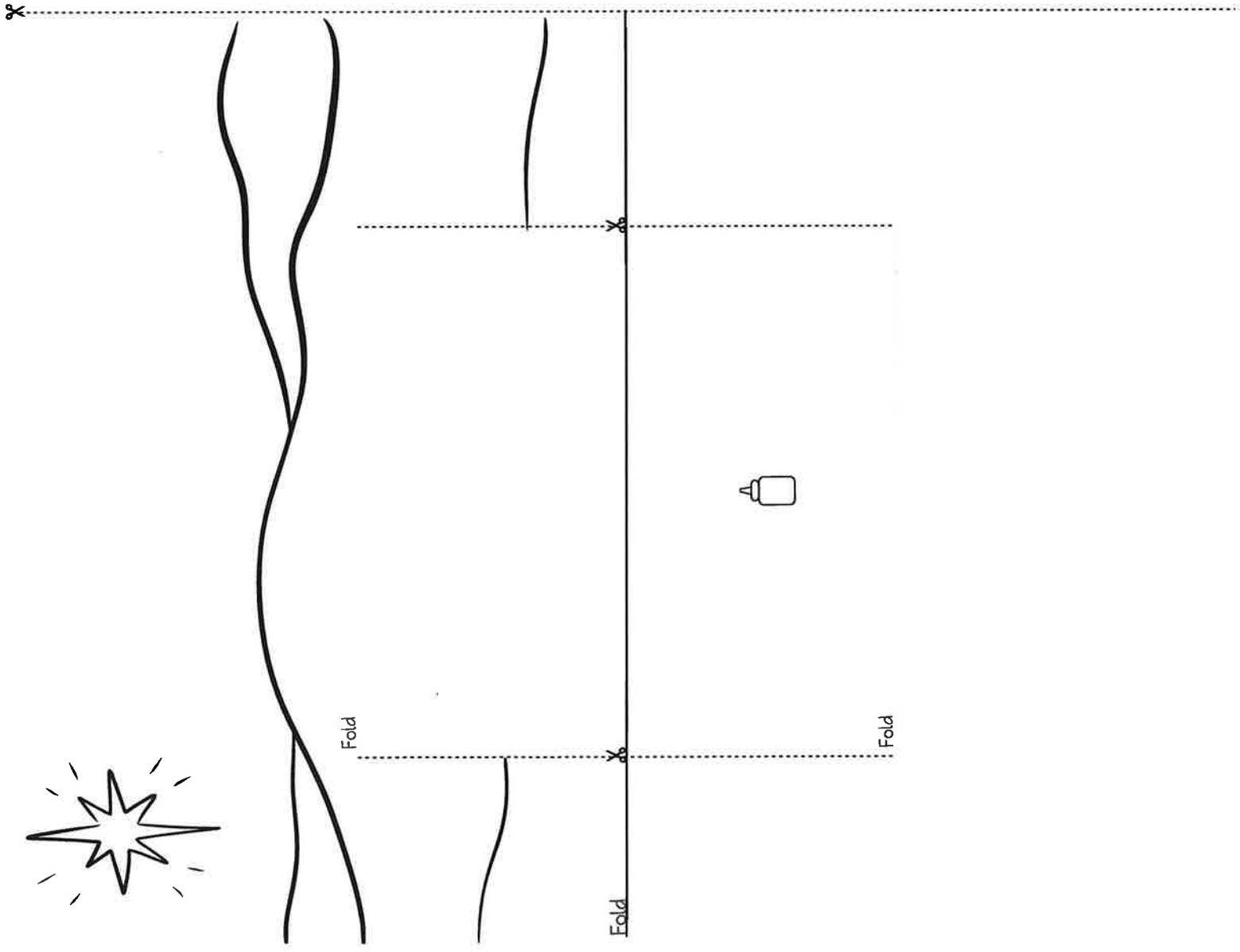
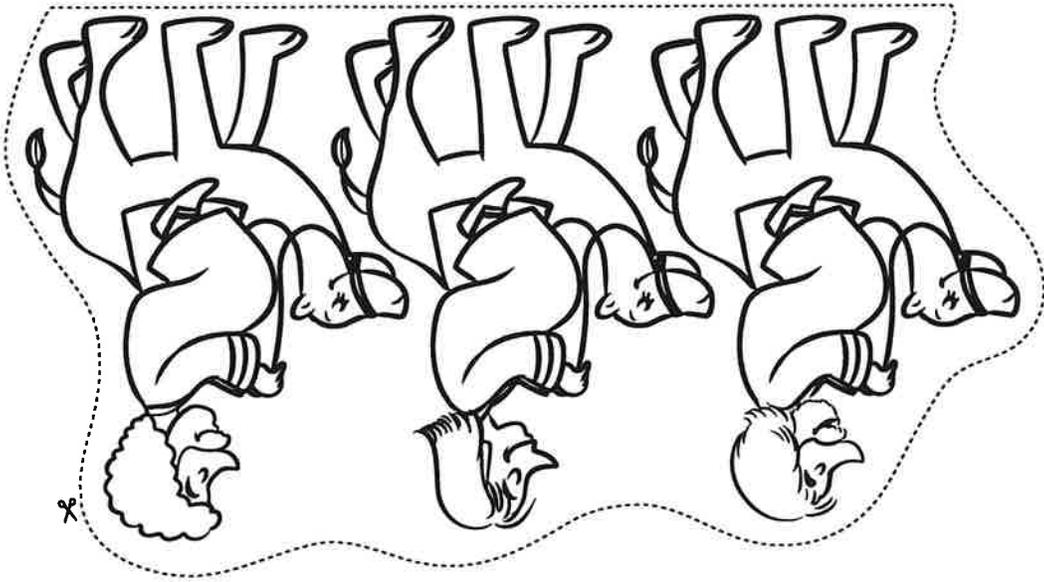
The wise men wanted to find the King and take Him gifts. They packed special perfumes and gold into bundles on their camels and set off across the desert. Finally they came to Jerusalem. They went to talk to the king there. His name was Herod.

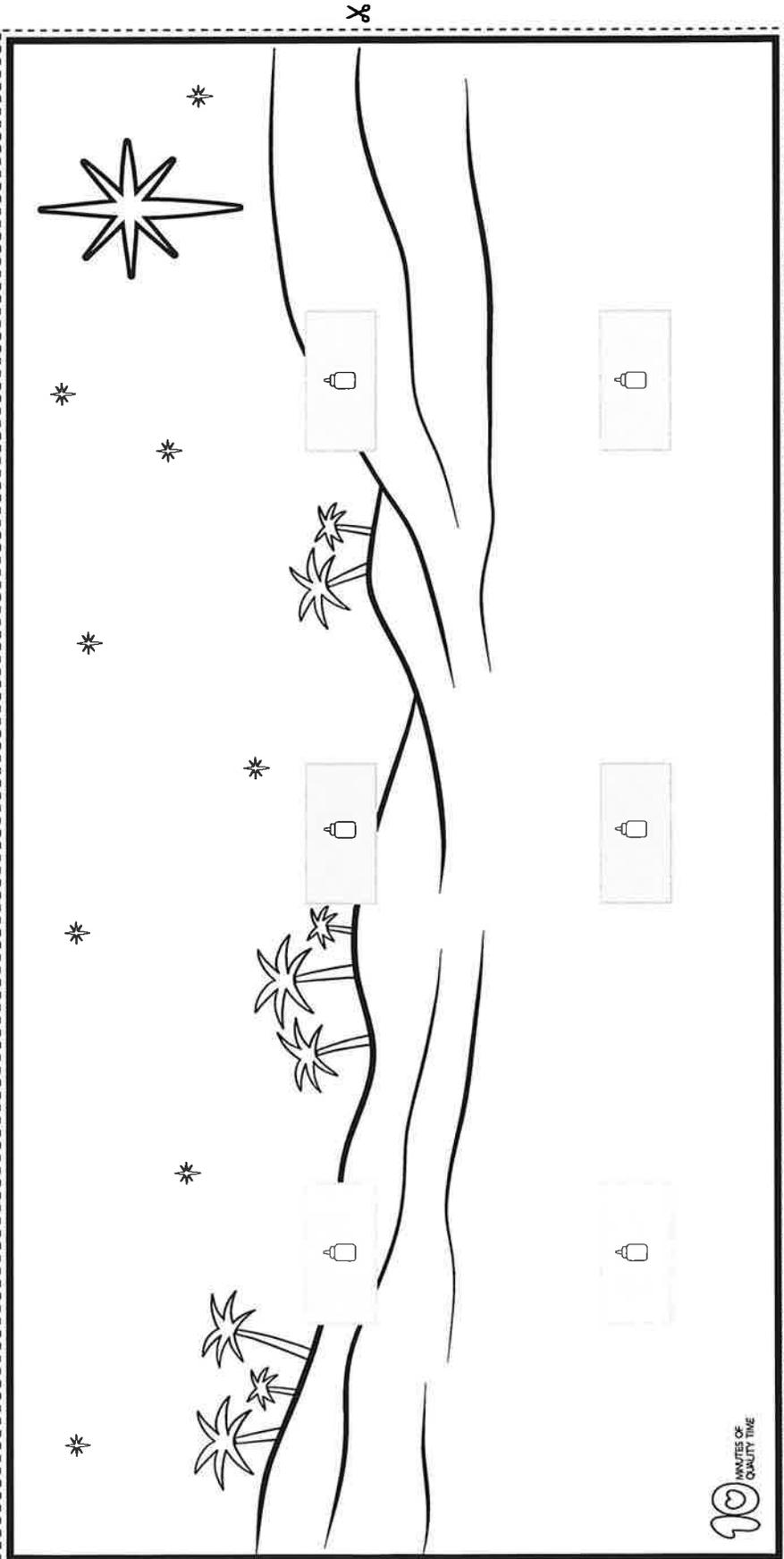
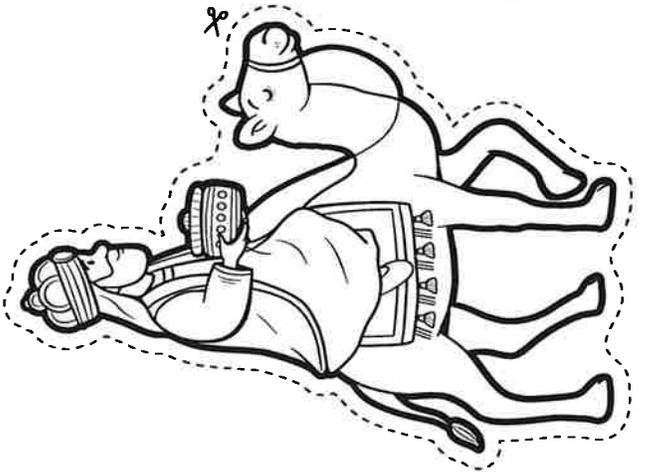
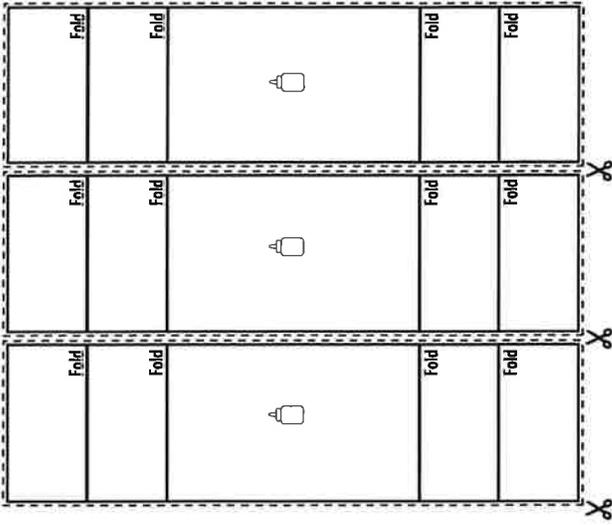
“Where is the new King that has been born? We have seen His star and are coming to bring Him gifts.” King Herod was surprised to hear about another king. He asked the priests and teachers where the new king was. They told him, “God will send a great King to be born in Bethlehem!”

Herod told the wise men to find this new King in Bethlehem. Then they should come back to tell him.

As the wise men rode their camels to Bethlehem, the same bright star they had seen before led them again. The star led them to the house where little Jesus was living with Joseph and Mary. The wise men took their gifts into the house and knelt in front of Jesus. This little boy was the King they had been looking for!

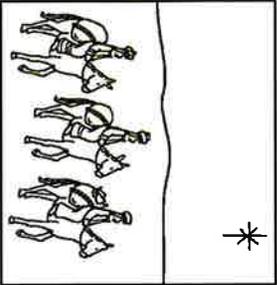
After they visited Jesus, the wise men were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod. Herod was jealous and wanted to hurt Jesus! So the wise men took a path home that led away from Herod.



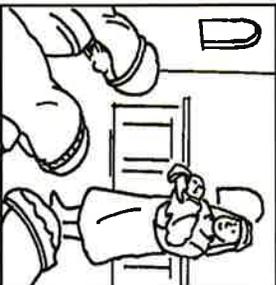


The Magi found baby Jesus.
They never told Herod.

Draw lines to put the pictures in the correct order.

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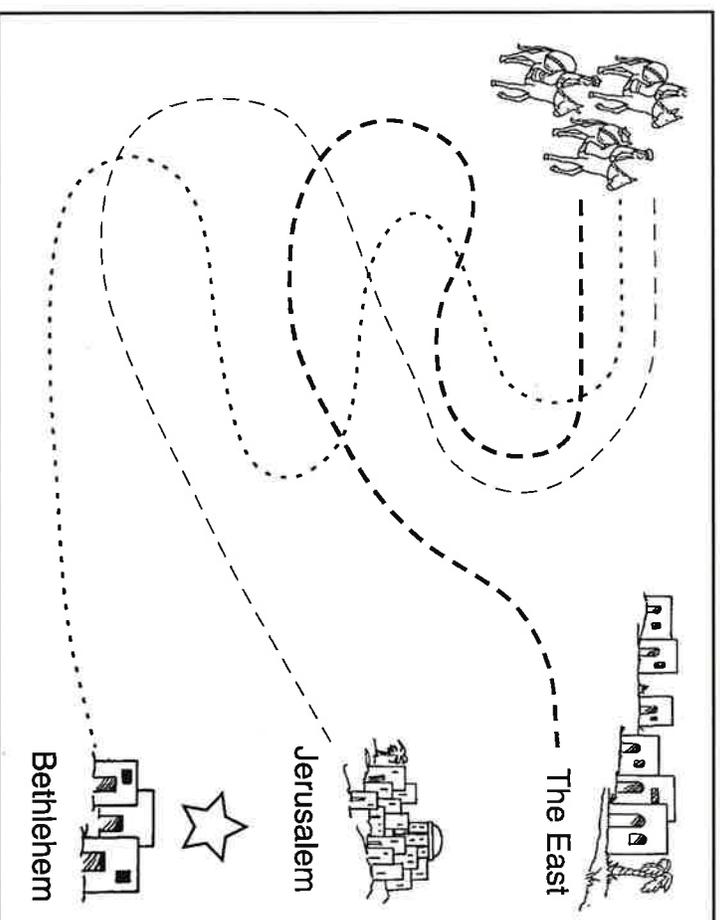
Ages 3+

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The Magi Seek Jesus

The Magi asked, "Where is the One
Who has been born King of the Jews?"

Trace the path the Magi took
to follow the star to Bethlehem.

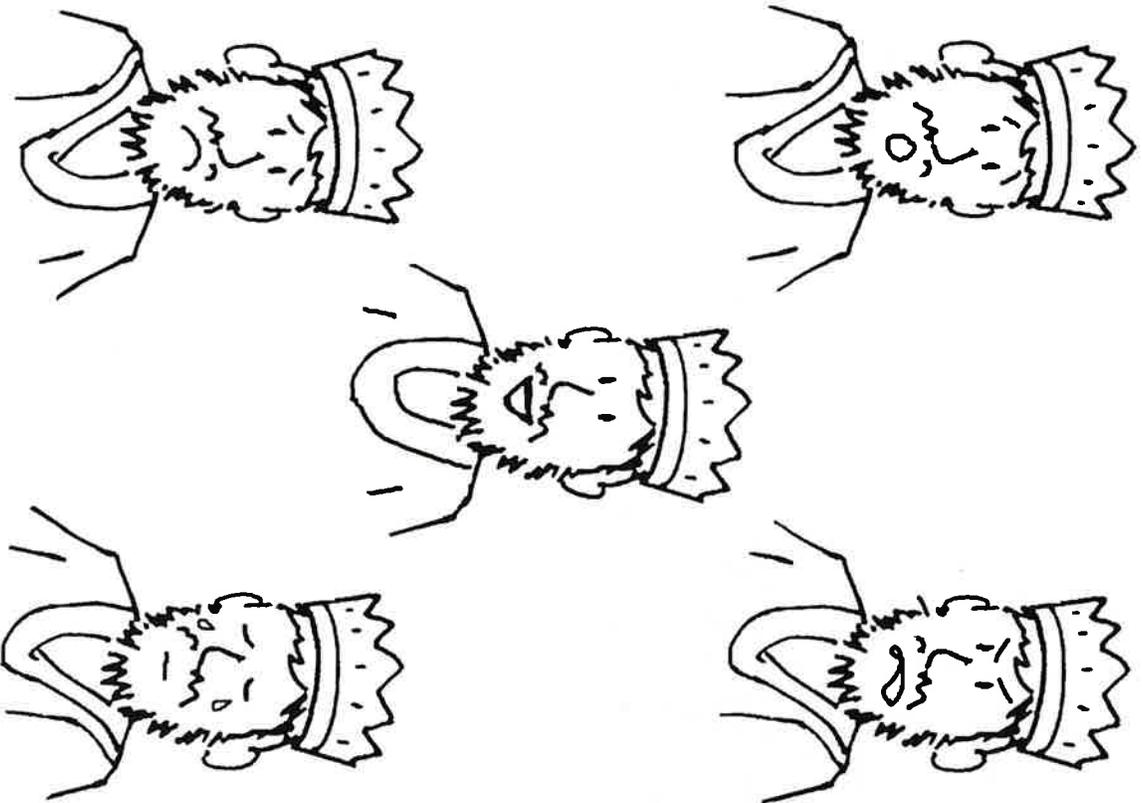


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King Herod was angry about Jesus' birth.

Circle the picture of angry King Herod.



King Herod lied. He said he wanted to ...

Trace the letters in the bubble writing.

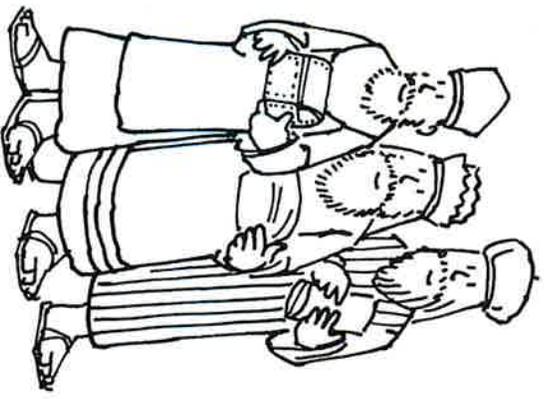
Worship
Jesus.





When the Magi came to Jesus, they were overjoyed, and they worshiped Him. Then they presented Him with gifts. What were the gifts?

Write the name of each picture.
The letters in the boxes spell the answer.

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Ages 7+

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The Magi Seek Jesus

Find out about where Jesus was born.

Unscramble the words on the map. Use the words in the box to help you. Then fill in the blanks below.

Map labels: 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____, 4. _____, 5. _____, 6. _____

Unscrambled words: rntMdrnaaeie aes, traanzhe, odrlan irRev, rulmeeaus, tmelebhne, aedD eas

- Jordan River
- Bethlehem
- Nazareth
- Jerusalem
- Dead Sea
- Mediterranean Sea

Joseph and Mary were from 2) _____
They went to _____ for
the census. Jesus was born in 6) _____
Later in his life, Jesus was baptized at the 3) _____

After Jesus was born, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem. What did they ask?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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Use the code to substitute letters.

Put the corrected words in numerical order on the lines below.

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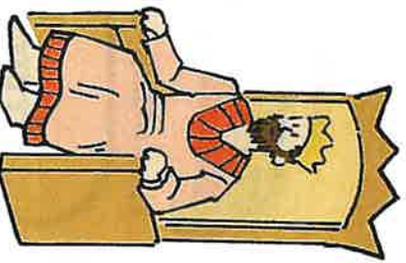
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17 b✕ck 16 r●p+rt 12 ✕s 6 s●✕rch

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 door rake
 pencil shoe
 penny
 cat
 fence
 knife
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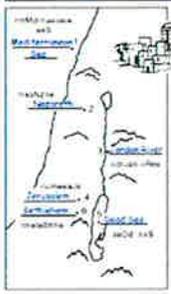
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17 D■ck	16 r⊙p⊕t	12 ■s	6 s⊙r■ch	

* Go and make a
careful search
for the boy.
 As soon as you
find him report
back to me."



King Herod was upset at the thought of the “king of the Jews.”
He planned to find the child and kill Him. He sent the Magi to
find the child and report back to him.

Follow the spiral path of letters.
Every other letter
will reveal what
happened.
Write the letters on
the lines.

“W _____

_____?

_____.”



- hir + - c =
- agn + - oe + - car + - n + - og =
- pi + - w + - ove =
- ie + - hd + - g + - t + - ar =
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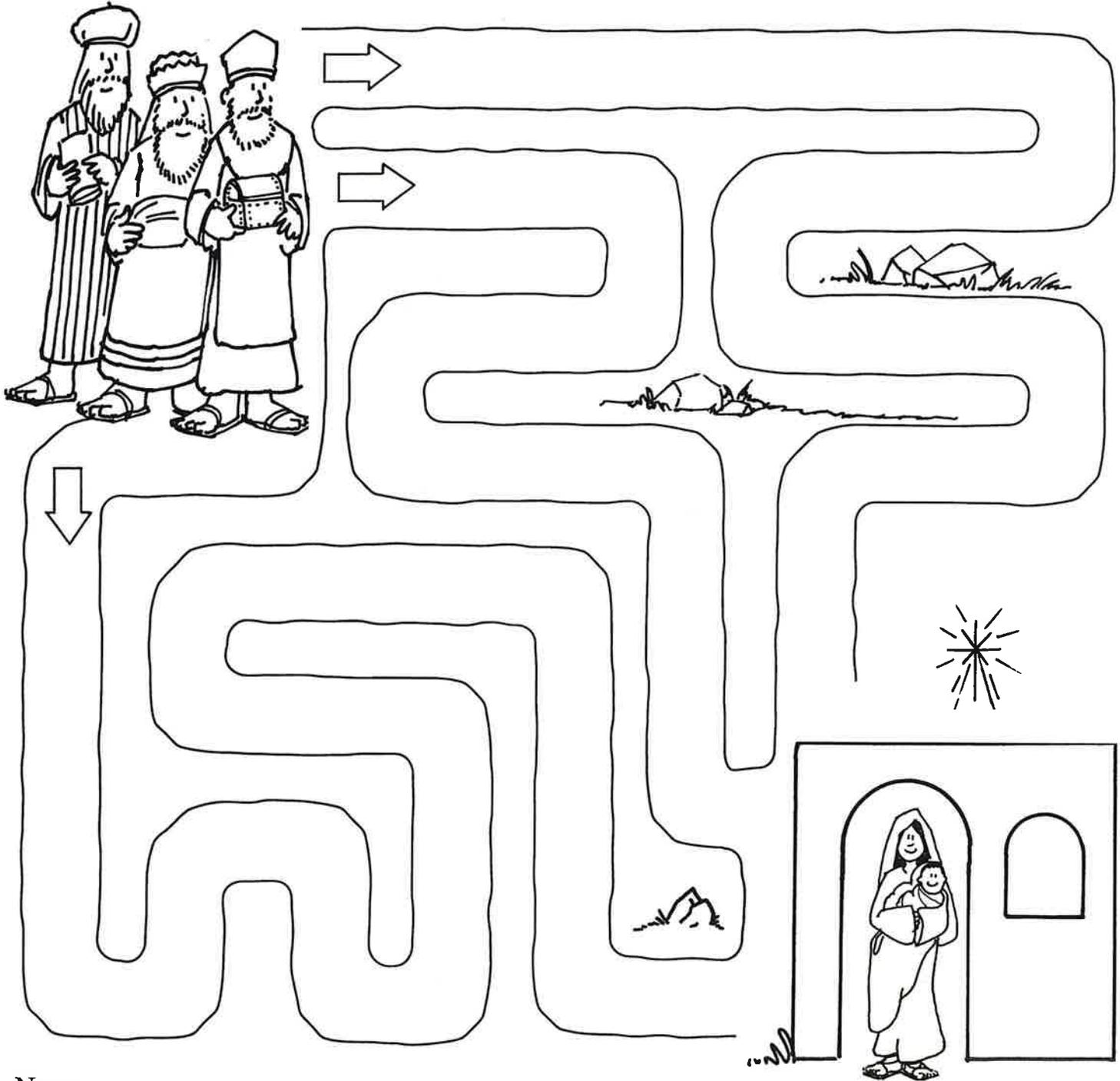
Add and subtract words and letters to fill in the blanks.

The 1) _____ led the Magi to the house where Joseph, Mary and Jesus were. They went inside and 2) _____ Him. They presented gifts of 3) _____, 4) _____ and 5) _____. God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. So they went home another way. An 6) _____ appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus and escape to 7) _____.

Name _____

Magi from the East wanted to visit Jesus and bring Him special gifts.

Help the Magi deliver their gifts to Jesus.



Name _____

The Magi followed a special star.
It led them to where Jesus was.

Fit the words from the box into the blanks. Then match the pictures with their description.

east	Magi	child	Herod	mother	careful	appeared	overjoyed
find	star	exact	house	report	stopped	secretly	worshiped
king	bowed	heard	place	search	worship	Bethlehem	

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_____ E _____
and found out from them the _____ A _____
time the star had _____.

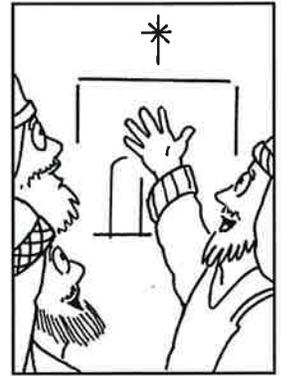
③ After they had _____ the
_____, they went on their way, and
the _____ they had seen in the
_____ S _____ went ahead of them until it
_____ P _____ over the
_____ where the child was.











② Herod sent them to _____ and said,
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back to me, so that I too may go and
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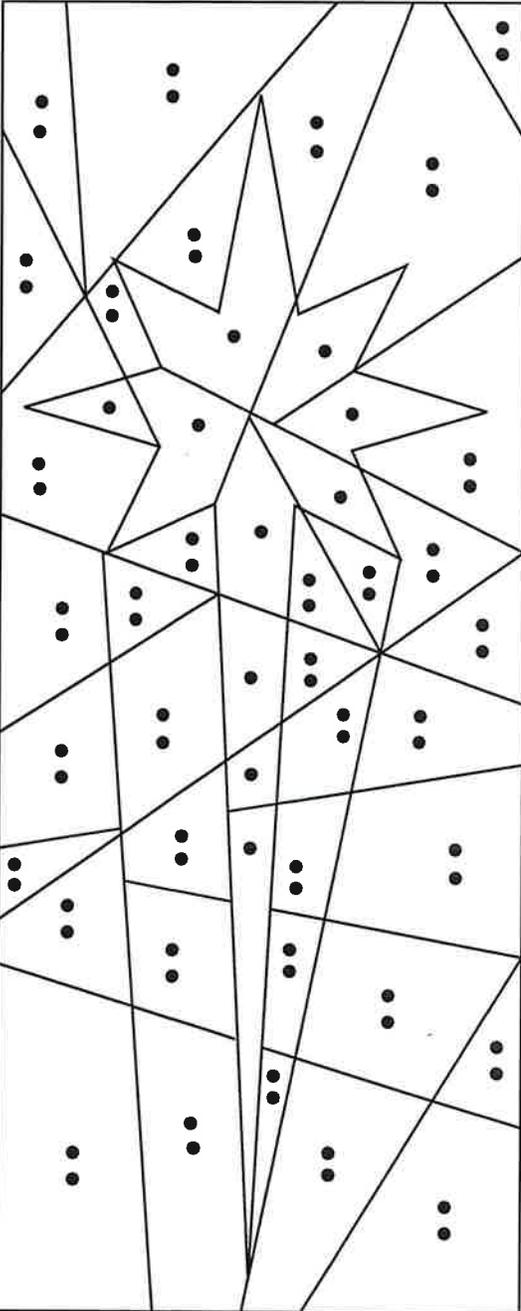
④ When they saw the star, they were _____.

⑤ When they came into the _____ S _____,
they saw the child and His _____,
Mary, and they _____ O _____ down and
_____ Him.

Name _____

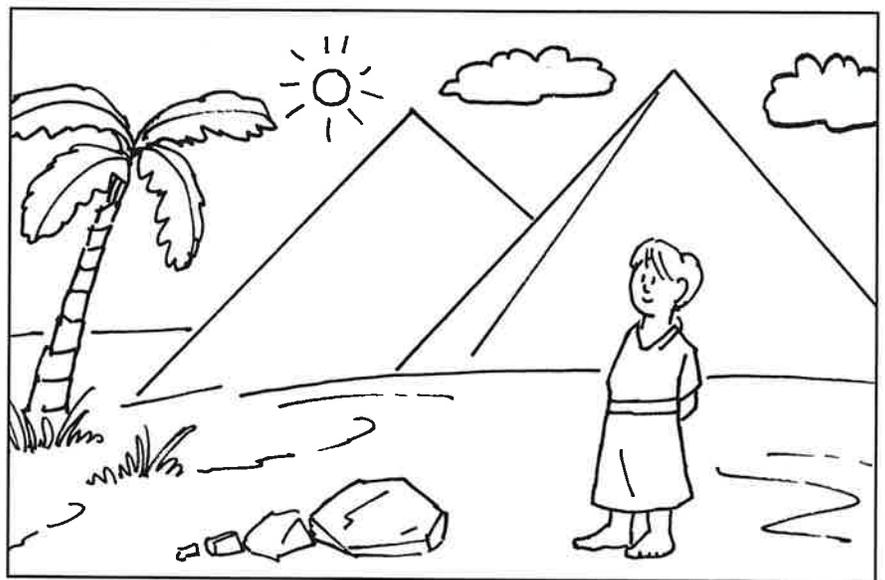
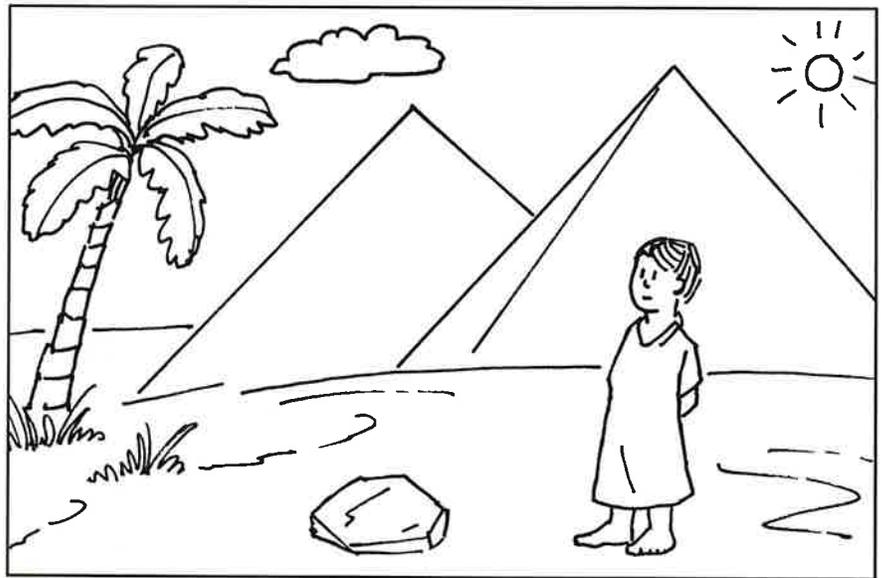
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Shade in the shapes with  .



 7 differences in the bottom picture.

Jesus was in danger from King Herod so they escaped to Egypt. When it was safe, Joseph, Mary and Jesus came to live in Nazareth.



Name _____

VISIT OF THE MAGI AND THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

New Testament Lesson #7

Mary and Joseph returned to Bethlehem. Magi (or wise men) from the East went to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod (HAIR-ud) heard that the Magi were seeking the king of the Jews, he was disturbed. The whole city was excited and troubled. Herod devised an evil plan. He first called together the chief priests and teachers of the Law and asked them where the Christ would be born. Then he asked the Magi exactly when this star appeared. He told them to search for the child and report to him so that Herod could worship him, too.

The star led the Magi to the place where Jesus was. There, they worshiped him and presented treasures to him — gold, frankincense and myrrh. God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went home another way.

When the Magi had gone, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, warning him to take the child and Mary and escape to Egypt, because "Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." Joseph took his family and fled to Egypt where they stayed until Herod's death.

Herod realized he had been "outwitted by the Magi." He ordered all male children 2 years and under in the region of Bethlehem to be killed.

Soon Herod died, and the angel again appeared to Joseph in a dream telling him that he could safely return to Israel. They arrived in Israel to find Herod's son reigning, and after being warned in another dream, they went north to live in Nazareth in Galilee.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- The Herod referred to in this chapter was Herod the Great. He was placed in authority over the Jews by the Romans and was known for his exceptionally cruel and vengeful character. Many of his misdeeds are recorded by Josephus, the Jewish historian, and cataloged in various biblical reference books.
- King Herod was an Idumaeon, a person of Edomite (E-do-mite) stock, i.e., a descendant of Esau. This made him a foreigner, which would have been contrary to Jewish preferences.
- The Magi did not appear when Jesus was first born, as is commonly portrayed. Jesus was staying in a house when they arrived.
- The Bible doesn't record the exact number of Magi/wise men. Tradition says there were three because there were three gifts.

The Visit of the Magi and the Flight to Egypt

- I. Wise men came from the East asking where to find the one born king of the Jews.
 - A. King Herod wanted to know where the child Jesus was, and said he would worship him.
 - B. He asked his chief priests, teachers and the Magi to help him find the child.
 - C. The Magi followed the star and found Jesus and presented him with gifts.
- II. Joseph had a dream.
 - A. An angel told Joseph to escape to Egypt because Herod wanted to kill Jesus.
 - B. Joseph took his family to Egypt.
 - C. Herod knew he had been outwitted by the Magi and was furious.
 - D. He ordered all male children, 2 years old and under, to be killed.
- III. Herod died and his son became king.
 - A. Joseph, Mary and Jesus returned to Nazareth.

ANSWER KEY:

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."
star, worshiped, gold, frankincense, myrrh, angel, Egypt

VISIT OF THE MAGI AND THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

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ANSWER KEY:

1. Then **HEROD** called the **MAGI SECRETLY** and found out from them the **EXACT** time the star had **APPEARED**.
2. Herod sent them to **BETHLEHEM** and said, "Go and make a **CAREFUL SEARCH** for the **CHILD**. As soon as you **FIND** Him, **REPORT** back to me, so that I too may go and **WORSHIP** Him."
3. After they had **HEARD** the **KING**, they went on their way, and the **STAR** they had seen in the **EAST** went ahead of them until it **STOPPED** over the **PLACE** where the child was.
4. When they saw the star, they were **OVERJOYED**.
5. When they came into the **HOUSE**, they saw the child and His **MOTHER**, Mary, and they **BOWED** down and **WORSHIPED** Him.

Picture order: 5, 3, 2, 1, 4