

MAIN POINT:

Jesus is God's Gift; I Will Follow Him

MEMORY VERSE:

"Glory to God is the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests." Luke 2:14

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

Wise men saw a star appear when Jesus was born. They knew this was a sign that the Messiah had been born. They travelled to Jerusalem, looking for the new King of the Jews, but first found Herod. Herod had his chief priests check where the prophecy said Jesus was to be born. Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem to find Jesus and instructed them to come back and tell him where to find the child. When they travelled to Bethlehem, the star led them to the house where Jesus was. They presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. God warned them not to return to Herod, because Herod wanted to harm Jesus. So, they returned home by another route.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → STAR ORNAMENT

Supplies:

- Star template (1 set per child, see last page)
- Pencil crayons, markers, crayons
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Ribbon (8 inch piece)
- Optional embellishments: stickers, glitter glue

Activity Instructions:

- Print and cut out the craft template. This works best on cardstock, but regular paper still works. To make a fuller star with regular paper, use all four stars.
- Colour as desired, and remember to colour the backs too! You can embellish with stickers or glitter glue if desired.
- Cut the dotted lines on the stars.
- Slide the pieces together to create a 3D ornament. If you're using all four stars, stack them in two sets before sliding together to make a fuller star.
- Punch a small hole in the top of the star.
- Thread the ribbon through, tie, and hang on your tree

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The Point

This craft can remind you that the wise men followed Jesus' leading by way of a star, and you can follow Jesus too.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

- 1. Have you ever gone somewhere without knowing where you were going?** (A surprise trip somewhere, or maybe you knew where you were going but had never been there so you didn't know what you were looking for.) **When the wise men left on their journey, they didn't know where they were going. They only knew that they needed to follow the star because it must be from God.**
- 2. The wise men listened to God's direction when they followed the star, but also when He warned them in a dream to not return to Herod. God can lead us to do something that benefits us, or benefits others. Has God ever told you to do something that benefited someone else? What happened?** (Made friends with someone who was new, shared something with a sibling or friend and cheered them up.)
- 3. Just like the wise men, sometimes we don't know where God is leading us. What sorts of things can we see that remind us that God is there?** (Nature, loving friends and family, when He works out situations beyond our control.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus. We want to follow You and listen as You guide our lives. Please help us to know You well enough to recognize Your voice and leading. In Your name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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