

The Wise Men and Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:1-23



The Story

What gift would you give Baby Jesus if you could have visited the newborn King? Today we will hear about some wise men who came from very far away to praise the Savior, Jesus, and to bring Him gifts. Those costly gifts would also help Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel and live in far away Egypt. Why did they go to Egypt? Listen and you will learn.

After Jesus had been born, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the King of the Jews who was born? We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Herod the king did not like to hear this. Would this King take over his job? Herod called the people who knew the Bible together and asked them to find where the Christ was to be born.

The Bible in Micah told them that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem.

Herod secretly found out when the wise men had seen the star and he told them to go to Bethlehem where they would find the Child. Herod lied to the wise men and said, "Go and find the Child and come back and tell me where He is so that I can go and worship Him also."

The wise men left and the star which they had seen in the East went ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was

living. The wise men were very happy to see the star and follow it!

They came to the house where Jesus was now living and they fell down before the Savior and worshiped Him. They also gave Him expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God sent a dream to warn the wise men not to go back to tell King Herod where Jesus was living. They went home a different way.

An angel also came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the young Child and Mary and go to Egypt and stay there until you are told to return. King Herod is going to try to find Jesus to kill Him." Joseph, Mary and Jesus left right away at night to go to Egypt.

King Herod also realized the wise men were not going to come back to tell him where Jesus was living. He had all baby boys who were two years old and younger put to death.

After King Herod died an angel told Joseph it was safe to go back home. They moved to Nazareth, just as it told in the Bible.

God led the wise men to Jesus.

Activity One - Use the words in the box to help you answer the riddles about today's story.

King Herod	wise men	Egypt	house	Nazareth
Jesus	gifts	star	killed	Bethlehem

1. _____ I shone brightly in the sky.
2. _____ We came to see the King of the Jews.
3. _____ I did not want another king besides me.
4. _____ I am the Savior.
5. _____ The wise men found Jesus in this town.
6. _____ Jesus and His family were staying in this.
7. _____ The wise men gave these to Jesus.
8. _____ This is what King Herod did to all the baby boys.
9. _____ This is where Joseph took Jesus for safety.
10. _____ This is where Jesus went at the end of the lesson.

Activity Two - The wise men followed God's special star to find Jesus. How can we help lead others to find Jesus? Write your ideas by the star.



Passage - God tells us in His Word to...

“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5

What are some ways you trust Him? Draw a picture showing one of them.

God reveals the Savior of all people.

Hymn Study - TLH 127 v. 1-4

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercyseat!

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!

Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
You are so special to us. Please help us shine for You and to trust in You always.
Amen.