

Bringing Home THE Story . . .



A Star Announces the Savior

Matthew 2:1-12

You can find the whole Bible story at: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+2&version=NIV>

OPENING PRAYER

To be read by an adult or older child

Dear Father, You tell us in the Bible all about Jesus. Open up our ears to hear and our hearts to believe.

In His name,
Amen.

WHAT WAS THIS STORY ABOUT?

WISE MEN TRAVEL TO BRING GIFTS TO JESUS, THE NEWBORN KING! Magi (probably from Babylon) were trained to look at the stars for signs and wonders - and boy, did they get one! The Lord put a Star in the sky to get their attention.

The Star, and its place in the sky, probably gave them important information.

- a MIGHTY King, a King of kings, is born,
- this King is born in Judah (Israel), and
- there is something DIVINE about this King.

The wise men not only brought gifts for this Newborn King, they came intending to worship Him.

LIFE APPLICATION: King Herod allowed his paranoia to prevent him from worshipping the Newborn King. There are things in our lives that obscure the Savior and His message for us. Confront those obstacles knowing that the Lord is calling us to Himself through the good news of Jesus!

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

It's good for a parent to ask the child the question AFTER they share THEIR own answer . . .

What makes **YOU** forget that Christmas is Jesus' birthday?

Why is it fun to **GIVE** presents at Christmas time?

Who are **YOU** able to help at Christmas?

(consider doing a family service project)

How can **YOU** tell the story Jesus' birth to someone else?

CLOSING PRAYER

Echo Prayer (Parent says a line and the children repeat it)

Dear Father	Dear Father
Thank You	Thank You
for the special Star	for the special Star
that pointed	that pointed.
to baby Jesus	to baby Jesus
In His name	In His name
Amen	Amen