



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
God of Wonders The Wonder of Advent
Unit 10, Lesson 52

Following the Star

Lesson Aim: To know the wise men followed a star.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: The Night Sky
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Gifts for Jesus
- BLOCK AND CAR CENTER: From the East
- GAME CENTER: The Bethlehem Star
- NATIVITY CENTER: The Wise Men Came

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

All of heaven and nature sang when Jesus was born. We can sing and praise God for Jesus' birth, too. Before we do that, let's pray. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, joy came to the world when you sent Your Son to come near to us. Help us to come near to you every day. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Glory to God in the highest!" Luke 2:14a

THE WORD GOD SENT A STAR

CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold the map. **I think I'm lost. I was looking for the nursery. Are there any babies here? (No.) No? I have this map. Do you think it will help? Let's see if I can find where we are.** Point to your location on the map. **Oh, here I am! I'm in the insert location.**

When the wise men were looking for Jesus, they didn't have a map to find their way. Do you know what they used? (A star.) That's right, a star. Show the children the star. Let's listen to the story of the wise men. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 2:10.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11

Read poem. Display visual.

- When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
- The wise men wanted to worship Him.
- They traveled very, very far.
- They found Him by following the star.

- To Bethlehem, it led their way.
- It stopped at the place where Jesus stayed.
- The wise men, they were full of joy.
- They bowed down and worshiped the little boy.

- Their treasures to Jesus they did bring.
- They brought Him gifts fit for a king.
- Incense, myrrh, and gold they gave,
- For He was the King who came to save.

How did the wise men feel when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was? (Happy, filled with joy.) What did the wise men see up in the sky? (A star.)

THE WAY THE WISE MEN FOLLOWED THE STAR

CRAFT: Bethlehem Star Ornament

GAMES: Follow the Star, Where Is Baby Jesus?

SNACK: Star Bright

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Glory to God!, Quiet Time
STORY TIME