



Following the Star

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

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The God Who Comes Near

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

What He has done: God sent a star.

CRAFT: BETHLEHEM STAR

Purpose: Children create a star to remember the wise men who followed the star to Jesus.

Supplies: Craft template, sturdy yellow (or white) paper, assorted craft materials (stickers, foam shapes, sequins, yarn, paints, and paint brushes, etc.), glue, crayons or markers

Prepare: For each child, print and cut out a star and label from sturdy yellow (or white) paper. Punch a hole in the top of the ornament.

Choosing craft materials: Some craft decorations that work well for this age are stickers, stampers, sturdy paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, ribbon, yarn, pom-poms, cotton balls, felt, foam shapes, small feathers, non-toxic glitter paint, or watercolor paints.

Unit 10 Crafts: For each lesson in unit 10, the children will be creating an ornament based on the story of Jesus' birth. To make them more decorative, add a doily, fabric, or felt to the back of the ornament.

Directions:

1. Attach the label to the back of the ornament.
2. Before or after the children decorate the star, thread the yarn through the hole in the top of the ornament and tie the ends together for a hanger.
3. Decorate the star with crayons or markers and assorted craft materials. You may suggest to the children that they draw the three wise men to remind them of the story.

Ages 2-3 Craft Discussion:

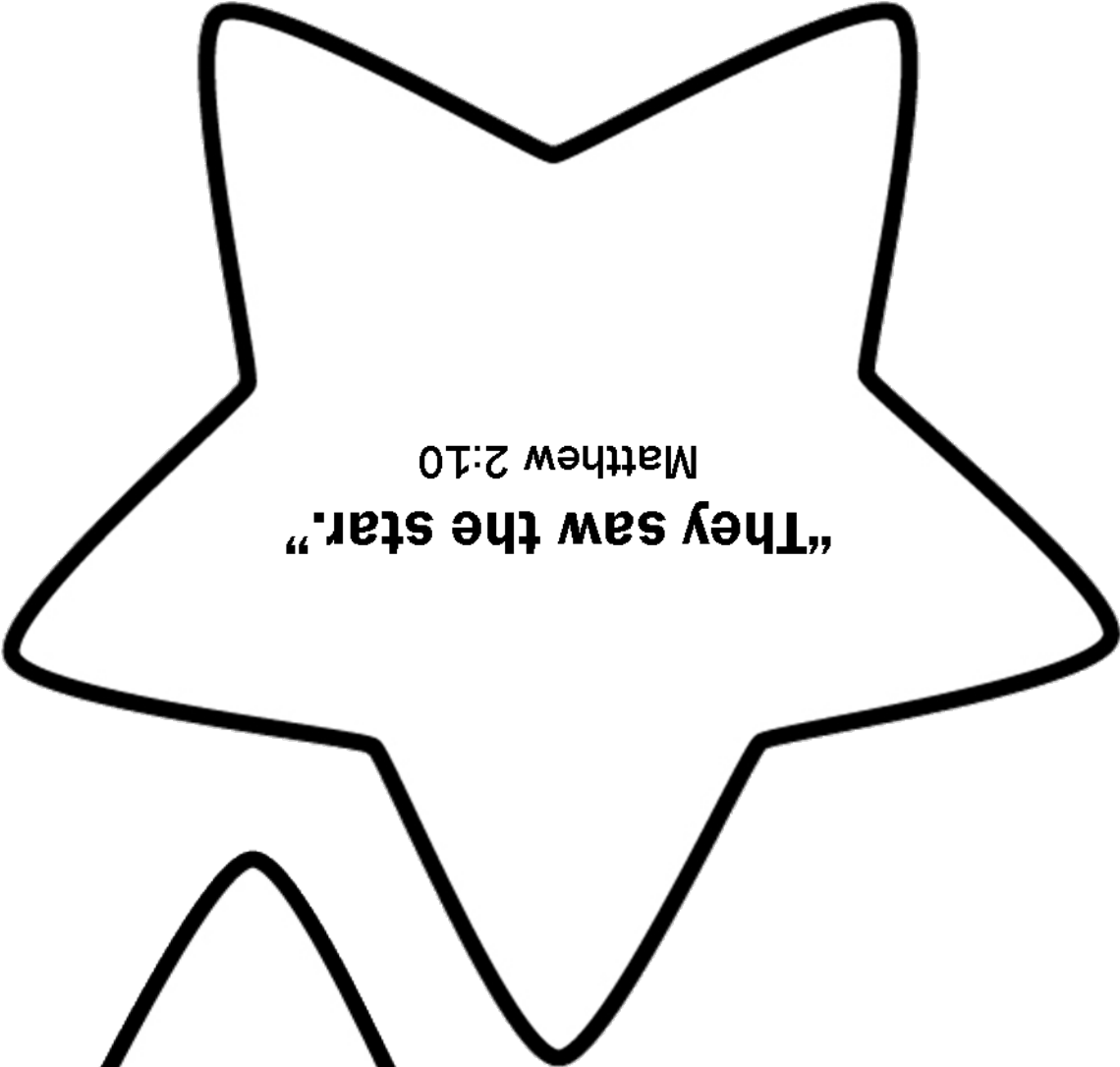
- **Who saw the star?** (The wise men.)
- **Where did the star lead them?** (To the place where Jesus was.)
- **Who made the stars?** (God.)
- **What is your favorite thing about stars?** (Brightness, twinkle, shape, etc.)

Ages 4-5 Craft Discussion:

- **Let's whisper our Whisper Verse together.** ("They saw the star.")
- **Who saw the star?** (The wise men.)
- **Where did the star lead them?** (To the place where Jesus was.)
- **Who made the stars?** (God.)
- **What is your favorite thing about stars?** (Children respond.)

CRAFT SAMPLE





“They saw the star.”
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