



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "They saw the star."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO COMES NEAR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who comes near. He came near when He sent a star to lead the wise men to Jesus. The wise men wanted to bring Him their offerings. Let's start our Praise Time by bringing our offerings. Play: "His One and Only Son" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Our Whisper Verse for today is, "They saw the star." Review the Whisper Verse with the sign language. The star led the wise men to Jesus in Bethlehem. It is also called the city of David because it was his birthplace and early home. The wise men wanted to worship Jesus, just as the shepherds did. Let's sing of the good news that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Sing: "I Bring You Good News."

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

The wise men followed the star to see Jesus. Imagine that bright star as we march around the room. Let's pretend we are traveling on a long journey like the wise men did. Children march around the room as they sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

What did the wise men bring to Jesus? (Their treasures.) The best treasure we can give Jesus is our love for Him. Let's ask Jesus to always be near each one of us. Sing: "Away in a Manger."

THE WORD GOD SENT A STAR CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned about the angel who brought good news to the shepherds. Today, we will hear about the wise men who

followed a star to find Jesus. Handle the 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.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 2:10 from the teacher's Bible.

What did the wise men see up in the sky? (A star.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together, "They saw the star." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY THE WISE MEN FOLLOWED THE STAR

CRAFT: Bethlehem Star

GAMES: Follow the Star, Where Is Baby Jesus?

SNACK: Star Bright

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

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

GAME: Traveling with Treasures

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Memory Verse Echo
STORY TIME