



# **Wise Men Follow the Star to Jesus**

**Luke 2:1-2, 9-11**

**"I say, what are you doing, Cody?" Matey asked as he walked past the boy, who was lying on his back on the ship's deck.**

**"Ahoy, dude!" Cody greeted. "Uncle Captain Billy asked me to meet him on deck. He told me to look up to the night sky. I'm not quite sure what I'm supposed to be looking for," he answered.**

**"Well, carry on!" Matey said as he continued on his way across the deck.**

**Moments later, Captain Billy Ocean emerged from his cabin and sat down on a crate next to Cody. "Ahoy there, Cody."**

**"Ahoy, Uncle Capt. Billy. I was just looking at the sky," Cody replied as he pointed upwards.**

**"Aye, good lad. What do you see up there?" the captain asked.**

**"So far nothing, except that one big star over there." Cody moved his finger to point to the large star.**

**"That's not nothing." Captain Billy said. "That star is very important. That's our star."**

**Cody turned his head to look at his uncle. "We own a star?" he asked.**

**Captain Billy chuckled. "Oh no, no one can own a star. God puts all the stars up in the sky. But for a sailor, a star can be a very important sign."**

**"A sign? You mean like, 'Stop' or 'Do Not Enter' or 'Right Turn Only?'" Cody asked.**

**"Well, sort of. God uses stars to give direction to those who are wise enough to follow. In fact, there were some wise men that followed a star way back in Bible times," the captain explained as he got up and removed his Bible from the Treasure Chest. "Let me find the Scripture in the Traysure Map and I'll show you."**

**"I think I remember this story," Cody said thoughtfully as Captain Billy looked through his Bible. "It's about those wise dudes who followed the star to Jesus!"**

**The Captain nodded as he found the right verses in the book of Matthew. "Yes, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi from the east followed the star as far as Jerusalem. They asked King Herod, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'"**

**"What's a Magi?" Cody asked.**

**"The Magi were wise men from the East who studied the stars."**

**Cody sat up and looked at his uncle. "Wow, I didn't know dudes from that far away came to worship Jesus!"**

**"Aye, remember what we learned? Jesus came for all people! Rich and poor, wise and simple, young and old, near and far," Captain Billy reminded him.**

**"Wow, dude, God must really want our worship," Cody exclaimed.**

**The captain nodded. "There is nothing more important than worshiping Jesus. It's the very reason God created us."**

**"So, God used that star to lead them to Jesus?" Cody asked.**

**"Aye, the star went ahead of them until it stopped in Bethlehem over the place where Jesus was."**

**"You mean the stable?" Cody corrected.**

**Captain Billy shook his head. "Oh no, he wasn't in the stable anymore. It took the Magi some time to get there. By now Jesus was in a house in Bethlehem."**

**Cody was confused. "How do you know?" he asked.**

**"Well, it says right here." The captain looked back at his Bible and read, "On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."**

**"Wow, imagine how Joseph and Mary must have felt to see these rich, important dudes bowing down to their little boy," Cody said, imagining the Magi visiting the tiny house to see the tiny baby.**

**"Aye, but remember the angels had told Mary and Joseph both that their son was to be the Savior," Captain Billy reminded him.**

**Cody looked back up at the bright star that he had earlier pointed out to his uncle. "I'll bet those wise Magi were glad they followed that star."**

**His Uncle also looked up at the star. "Aye, when God points the way, it's a wise man who follows. And that's why we're gonna follow that star."**

**Cody's head jerked around and stared at the captain. "We're gonna follow what?" he exclaimed.**

**"We're gonna follow that star." Captain Billy repeated.**

**"Huh? To where?" Cody asked.**

**"Well you know, God called us and the Caribbean Queen to sail the Caribbean and tell others about Him. But it's time that we set sail and bring God's word to other places."**

**"Are you sure?" Cody asked, disappointed they would be leaving.**

**The wise captain smiled a knowing smile. "Aye, whenever God calls me to another place, He sends me a sign. That star is my sign. I believe it's time to sail on."**

**"But what about the people who live here in this port? Who's going to tell them about Jesus?" Cody asked.**

**"God will send them new friends who will teach them more about His Word," Captain Billy assured. "If God wants us to move on, then He has a plan to take care of the people here in the Caribbean."**

**Cody never knew what to expect from his uncle. "Uncle Captain Billy, do you even know where we are going?" he asked.**

**"God is leading us. We just have to trust that He'll guide our path," the captain said as he stood up and walked towards the big Captain's wheel to begin guiding the ship on their new course.**

**Cody sat for a moment, thinking about all he had just learned and about the news they were moving on to a new sea. He began to get excited about the idea of exploring new places, all by following a star. As he stood up and walked towards the galley to get a snack, he knew he was ready to begin the next adventure following God aboard the Caribbean Queen.**