



You Will Find Him

Recognizing the King: The Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

The farm was covered in a blanket of white snow. Christmas had come and gone and soon Ranger Ryan would be leaving. Granny B and Pops had planned a special lunch and were setting the table in the dining room. Ranger Ryan kept offering to help, but Granny B shooed him out of the room.

Just then, there was a knock at the door. Delbert and Lello hurried in, each carrying a special treat for lunch. Delbert had some juicy carrots and Lello was carrying some shiny red apples. A few minutes later, lunch was ready and everyone sat down together to eat.

Pops said a blessing to thank God for the food. Then he asked, "Ranger Ryan, do you have one last story to share with us?"

Ranger Ryan smiled. He loved telling stories and was always glad when his friends wanted to hear more. He wiped his mouth with his napkin and began.

"Today, I will tell you a story about the wise men," Ranger Ryan explained. Delbert and Lello leaned closer, eager to hear every word.

"What did we just celebrate a few days ago?" Ranger Ryan asked.

Delbert and Lello both shouted, "Christmas!"

"That's right. We celebrated Jesus' birth. In the Bible, it says that after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the east traveled a long way to Jerusalem," Ranger Ryan began.

"Did they travel all that way to find baby Jesus?" Delbert asked.

"Yes, they came to find the baby King. The wise men wanted to worship Him," Granny B answered.

Ranger Ryan who was about to continue the story when Lello asked, "How did they know King Jesus was born?"

Ranger Ryan smiled. "That's a wonderful question, Lello. The wise men had seen a special star in the sky and knew it meant a king was born," he said. "They followed the star and it stopped over the place where Jesus lived."

"Haw! Really? That's amazing!" Delbert interjected.

"Ranger Ryan, I'm so glad you were here for Christmas. Baa. I love hearing the Christmas story," Lello said sweetly.

"I'm so glad I could visit the farm again," Ranger Ryan replied, smiling around the table at his dear friends.

As Ranger Ryan finished his story, Granny B served dessert. The friends stayed at the table talking with each other about Christmas and the birth of Jesus, their King.