



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 52

Recognizing the King: The Magi and Herod

Lesson Aim: To recognize God's presence
and leading in our lives.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is one time when you felt God was with you?

GAME: Bible Story Charades

THE WORSHIP THE KING WHO CAME TO US

Read Worship Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-3.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform King City Chronicles script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE MAGI AND HEROD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God led the shepherds to see and worship King Jesus.

In today's story, the men traveling from the east following the star were called Magi. They were most likely scientists who studied the stars. Many people call them "the wise men." They traveled to Jerusalem and then finally arrived in Bethlehem. Point out Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:1-3, 7-15. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 2:11. Pray. Read.

THE WAY SEEING GOD

Although the Magi were not Jewish, they would have studied the Scriptures enough to know the star meant the king of the Jews had been born. God used the Scriptures and the star to help them see Jesus. Why did the Magi want to see Jesus? (To worship Him.) Why did Herod say he wanted the wise men to tell him when they found baby Jesus? (So he could worship Him.) According to the angel, what was the true reason Herod wanted to find baby Jesus? (To kill him.)

The Magi probably arrived months after baby Jesus was born. He was no longer in a manger; He was in a house in Bethlehem. What did the Magi give Jesus? (Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.) These were

gifts fit for a king. Allow children to smell frankincense or myrrh oil. What can you give as an offering to Jesus?

To flee from Herod, where did Joseph take Jesus and Mary? (Egypt.) When the angel warned Joseph about Herod, he could see God was protecting his family. When have you known that God was warning, leading, or protecting you?

The Magi followed the star to find Jesus. King Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem because, in the Scriptures, the prophet said Christ would come from Bethlehem. God uses creation, the Scriptures, and our experiences to help us see Him in our lives. How has God shown you that He loves you? (Through the love of others, etc.) How has God shown you He is powerful? (Through His works of nature, miracles, etc.) When have you seen something in God's creation or read something in the Bible that helped you come closer to God or know Him better?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

More than 1000 years before the Magi saw Jesus, a man named Job knew one day he would see God standing upon the earth. Even though we cannot see God face to face right now, the Bible promises we will see God one day, too. We will see Jesus when He comes back to earth to gather all those who believe in Him. Reveal Job 19:27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Although we can't see Jesus today with our eyes, His Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of all believers. He guides us and points us to Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us see that God is with us and that He is at work in our lives. When have you seen God working in your life? When have you seen God is with you? This week, ask God to help you see Him in new ways.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "I Will See God" Bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Magi following the star to Bethlehem
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Knowing Our King

GAME: I Spy with My Little Eye

CRAFT: Stained Glass Window

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Crown Toss, Royal Musical Chairs

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