



3PK

January 5-6, 2013

DATE

Wise Men Visit

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 2

WHERE TO FIND IT

Wise Men Worshipped Jesus the King!

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Don't just supervise; get on the floor and play *with* the kids. They might want to pretend you're Batman or a unicorn, but that's okay. Meet them at their level.

check-in/out

As kids leave, make sure they have their crowns with them. Remind kids to tell their friends and families why they made crowns today.

large group heads up

Today we're talking about how the wise men visited Jesus. The important part of this story is *why* they visited a baby they had never met: they wanted to worship the Rescuer and King!



instructions

Goal: To help kids understand part of Jesus' character: he is our King.

Why? Jesus' kingship is what inspired the wise men to make the long journey to worship him. We hope it inspires kids to want to worship, too!

Tip: If you have extra time, play a little game to help kids remember the story. Find an object in the room. Have the kids pass it around while wearing their crowns. As they pass the object, say (and have kids join you), "The wise men gave gifts to the king!"

QUESTIONS

Lead kids to RETELL the story:

1. What appeared in the sky when Jesus was born? (A star)
2. Who followed the star to find Jesus? (some wise men)
3. How far did they have to travel? (a really *loooooong* way)
4. When the wise men found Jesus, what did they do? (Worship him!)
5. What did they give him to show they loved him? (Presents!)
6. Why did the wise men want to worship Jesus and give him presents? (He was the rescuer and KING they had been waiting for!)

Lead kids to RELATE to the story:

*Would you be willing to travel *a////////* that way to worship Jesus the king?

*How do you like to worship Jesus (tell him you love him and think he's great)?

ACTIVITY

SAY: Even though Jesus was born as a little baby, he was the king and rescuer sent from God! So today, we're going to make crowns to take home and remind us that Jesus is king.

DO: Hand each kid a gold crown. Let them use 3-4 jewel stickers to decorate their crown. They can color their crowns too!

***As kids create, play a Kids' Club CD in the background remind them that Jesus is king and we can worship him!** (They can even sing along while they make their crowns.)

QUESTIONS

A large empty white rectangular box for writing questions, framed by a dark blue border.

ACTIVITY

**Extra time? Try out this game to keep kids engaged until their parents arrive:*

Animal Party (OPTIONAL IF TIME PERMITS)

Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done).

The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both!

To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.

special notes

The wise men visited Jesus, the promised king! Often, we refer to Jesus as the Rescuer, but it's important for kids to see him as king, too. So today, you'll be wearing a crown for much of this script to help kids get the idea of a "king" in their minds.

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, or make a face or a motion... every couple of minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying, too!

script

**As kids sit down, talk to them about the gift coloring page. Tell them to see if they can find a gift in today's story to help them connect large group and small group. (And we'll mention the gift again for the latecomers—so when everybody's there, go ahead and get started!)*

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders (approx. 1 minute--provided)

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the **Bible** for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? It was perfect and beautiful. But then something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sadness and death came into the world. But God sent his son Jesus to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. He said Jesus would be a king and EVERYBODY was excited for the new, wonderful king!

(Hold up the gift.) What's this? (Let kids respond.) Yes, a present. We give presents to special people or get them from people who love us. Today, we're going to hear a story about some men who gave Jesus a gift!



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THE WISE MEN FOLLOWED THE STAR

These men had never met Jesus, but they knew the king had been born. (**Show the picture of the star** above Bethlehem.) See, when Jesus was born, a new star appeared in the sky, right over Bethlehem! These men decided they wanted to find the Rescuer, the baby king! So they decided to take a crazy journey to find baby Jesus.

They probably traveled (1. **show desert picture**) across deserts (pretend you are in a hot, sandy desert) (2. **show mountain picture**) They might have gone up rocky mountain trails (pretend to walk up a steep hill) (3. **show valley picture**) They could have walked down into valleys (tip toe as if running down an incline) (4. **show river picture**) They might have had to swim through wild rivers (make swimming motions with your hands) (5. **Show plains picture**) ...And they might have traveled over big stretches (stretch high) of grass. Whew!

They went *all* this way day and night (put hands on one cheek and pretend to be asleep), day and night (pretend to sleep) for days and days and days and days and days (etc.—be dramatic).

THE WISE MEN WORSHIPED JESUS

Finally, the star led them to Jesus. We're going to watch a video about the wise men. As you watch, see if you can figure out what the wise men did when they found Jesus. (*You can give kids a hint to remember the gift!*)

Video: The Wise Men (approx. 1 minute)

What did the wise men do when they found Jesus? (Let kids respond). Yes, they bowed down (demonstrate) and gave Jesus gifts (**set the gift down** in front of you), even though they had never met him. They wanted to show Jesus they LOVE him!

WE CAN WORSHIP, TOO

Saying we love you to God is called worship. Can you guys say "worship"? (Let kids respond.) Guess what? God LOVED it when the wise men brought gifts and bowed to Jesus. And he LOVES it when WE worship him. We can worship him like the wise men, by bowing or giving God gifts. But we can worship in other ways too!

We can say nice things like, "I love you God!" Let's do that together. (Lead kids in saying "I love you, God.") We just worshiped God! We can tell him he's great like saying, "Jesus, you're the king!" (Lead kids in saying, "Jesus, you're the king!") We just worshiped him again! Sometimes we worship by singing to God... or by talking to God. What's it called when we talk to God? (Let kids respond.) ...Yep, PRAYER. In fact, let's pray together now!

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus, the king! Thanks that we can worship him! We love you! Aaaaaaaaaa-men!



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Now let's WORSHIP Jesus by singing to Him!

Song: King of the Jungle

Song: Deep and Wide

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

- Coloring pages: gift
- 3-4 jewel stickers per kid (OT: IN-9/1205)
- 1 crown per kid (OT: IN-25/105)
- Crayons / markers

large group supplies

- 1 large gift-wrapped box
- Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 2 (Obey Your Leaders)
2. Image from the Jesus Storybook Bible: Pg. 185 (star over Bethlehem)
3. The following jpegs from the curriculum folder:
 - a. Desert
 - b. Mountains
 - c. Valley
 - d. River
 - e. Grassy plains
4. Video: The Wise Men (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qxqCEqf0N0>)
5. Song: King of the Jungle
6. Song: Deep and Wide

special room set-up

none

connect questions

- Tell me about the wise men.
- Why did the wise men worship Jesus?

parent page

When a star appeared over Bethlehem the night of Jesus' birth, some wise men saw it and followed it for many days to find the new baby king. We talked about how they went to worship Jesus and brought him gifts to show him love. We made crowns to remind us that Jesus is king! You can read about it in Matthew 2 in the Bible.