



THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

(Matthew 2: 1–12)

After Jesus' birth, the wise men from the east come to Jerusalem. They follow a special star which they see in the sky. It is a sign to them that a new King is born. The wise men look for Him in the palace of Herod the king. The king knows nothing about it. His scribes look into the old prophecies and send the wise men to Bethlehem. So the wise men continue to follow the special star to Bethlehem and find the Child in the manger. They worship Him and give Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They depart back to their own country as God shows them

The children learn that God our Heavenly Father will show the way to Jesus Christ.

- ▶ The story can be told using single pictures or with pictures in a book.
 - ▶ A scene can be made on a window or mirror using colored cellophane.
 - ▶ As a group craft the children can decorate the wise men's gifts or clothing on cut-outs made from cardboard. They can use Christmas paper for decoration.
- II. 7 ▶ One child can carry a star while the others follow it and sing some appropriate hymns.

