

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #3 – “Have You Brought Your Gift?”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should give God your worship.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Children feed peanuts to their team’s elephant according to points earned in contest.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “The Star’s Story”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #3 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song:
2. Review the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** Chart. Explain the **PATTERN FOR PRAYER** Chart. (See attached visual.)
3. Lead the class in prayer. Be sure to include your “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.” Let the children say together, “Dear Heavenly Father” and “In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

MEMORY VERSE: (8 minutes)

2 Corinthians 9:15 – ***“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“Pass the Box” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Children pass a gift box containing wrapped candy or small prizes around the group as they say the verse. The child holding the box when the verse is finished says “thank you” and chooses a prize from the box. If he already chose a prize earlier, he passes the box to the next person for him to choose a prize. Make sure all have received a prize at the end.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #1 – #6: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

LIFE OF CHRIST #3 – “Have You Brought Your Gift?”

(See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW/QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #3. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (16 minutes)

1. Missions song: _____
2. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
3. Share information to introduce missions – Week #2. (See attached page.)
4. Pray for the missionaries. (See attached page.)
6. Story: (*In person*) ***I Dare***, Week #2 - **OR** - (*Online*) ***Doctor in the Pygmy Forest***, Week #3/4

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (7 minutes)

Use an activity of your choice or the Bible Learning Game from “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

“**Touchdown**” – Print both of the attached pages on cardstock. Cut out the helmets and footballs. Back for the flannelboard. Write the names of 12 teams on the back of the footballs (Baltimore Ravens, New Orleans Saints, Indianapolis Colts, Dallas Cowboys, Seattle Sea Hawks, Washington Redskins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, New England Patriots, New York Giants, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins). Place the helmets on one side of the board, and the footballs on the other side. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may choose a helmet and a football, trying to match them. If he makes a match, he makes a touchdown. Each touchdown is worth six points for his team. – By Rita L. Lobdell.

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #3:

1. **What strange and mysterious thing did the wise men notice in the sky?** (A new star had appeared)
2. **Why did God put that new star in the sky for the wise men to see?** (To announce the birth of His Son, Jesus)
3. **When the wise men arrived in Jerusalem, what question were they asking the people there?** (Where is He that has been born King of the Jews?)
4. **How did King Herod feel when he found out another King had been born?** (He was furious)
5. **What did King Herod tell the wise men to do?** (Go to Bethlehem to find the King, then come and tell him where He is.)
6. **King Herod said he wanted to worship the Baby King too, but what did he really want to do?** (Kill Him)
7. **What did God use to guide the wise men to the right place in Bethlehem?** (A star)
8. **What gifts did the wise men give to Jesus?** (Gold, frankincense, and myrrh)
9. **Why did God warn Joseph to leave and go to Egypt?** (Herod would try to kill Jesus)
10. **What is one way that a believer in Jesus can worship Him?** (Sing praise songs, telling Him thanks, showing love to others, etc.)

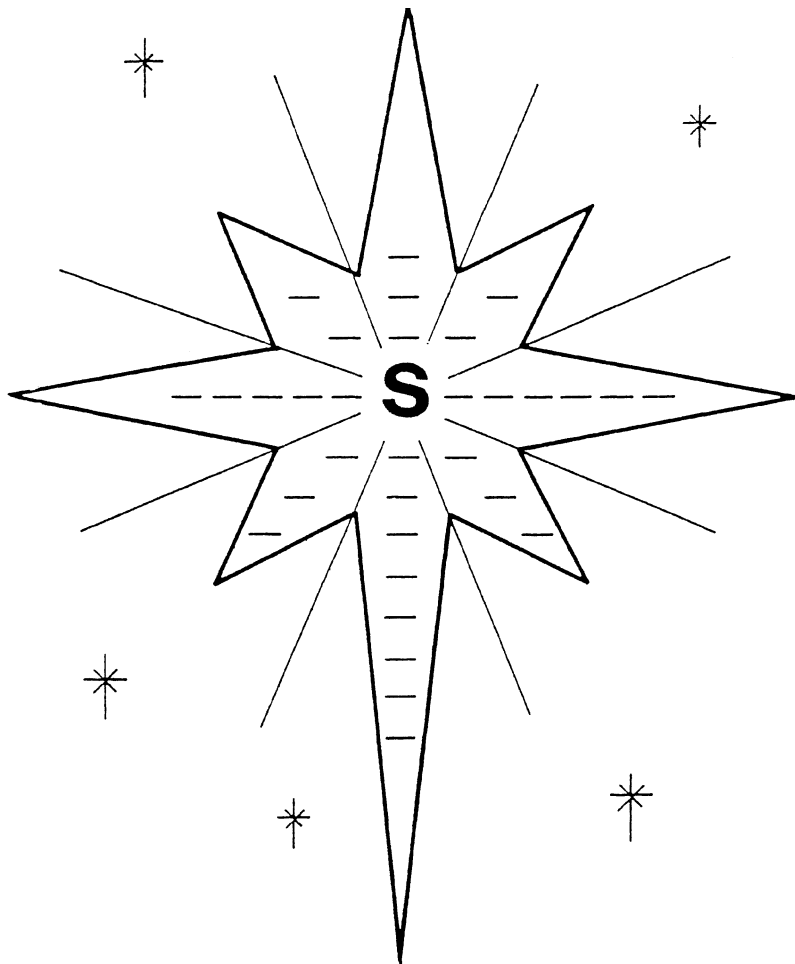
*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #3

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #3

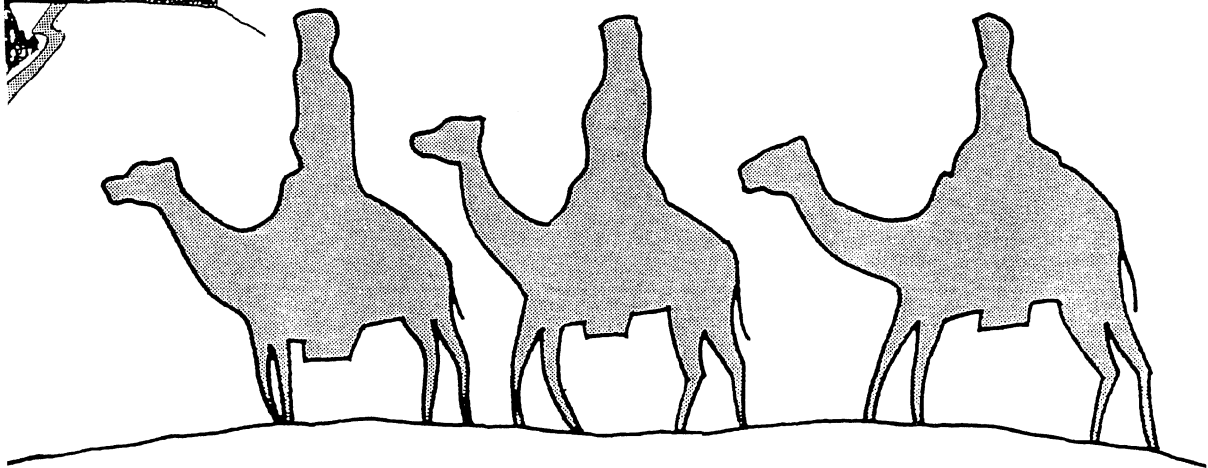
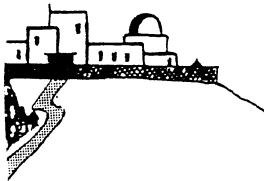


THE STAR'S STORY

Directions: Read the story of the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-17 and Matthew 2:1-12. Fill in the missing words in the story below. Each word begins with the letter S. Use the S at the center of the large star as the beginning of each word and fit the words onto the spaces given. Some words will be backwards.

One night long ago, angels appeared to some s _ _ _ _ _ on a hill outside the little town of Bethlehem. The angels s _ _ _ . "Unto you is born this day a S _ _ _ _ _ . This shall be a s _ _ _ unto you, you will find the babe ... lying in a manger." He was born in a s _ _ _ _ because there was no room at the inn. This baby, named Jesus, was God's S _ _ who had come to take away the s _ _ of the world.

Later, a s _ _ led wise men to a house where Jesus was staying. The wise men worshiped Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

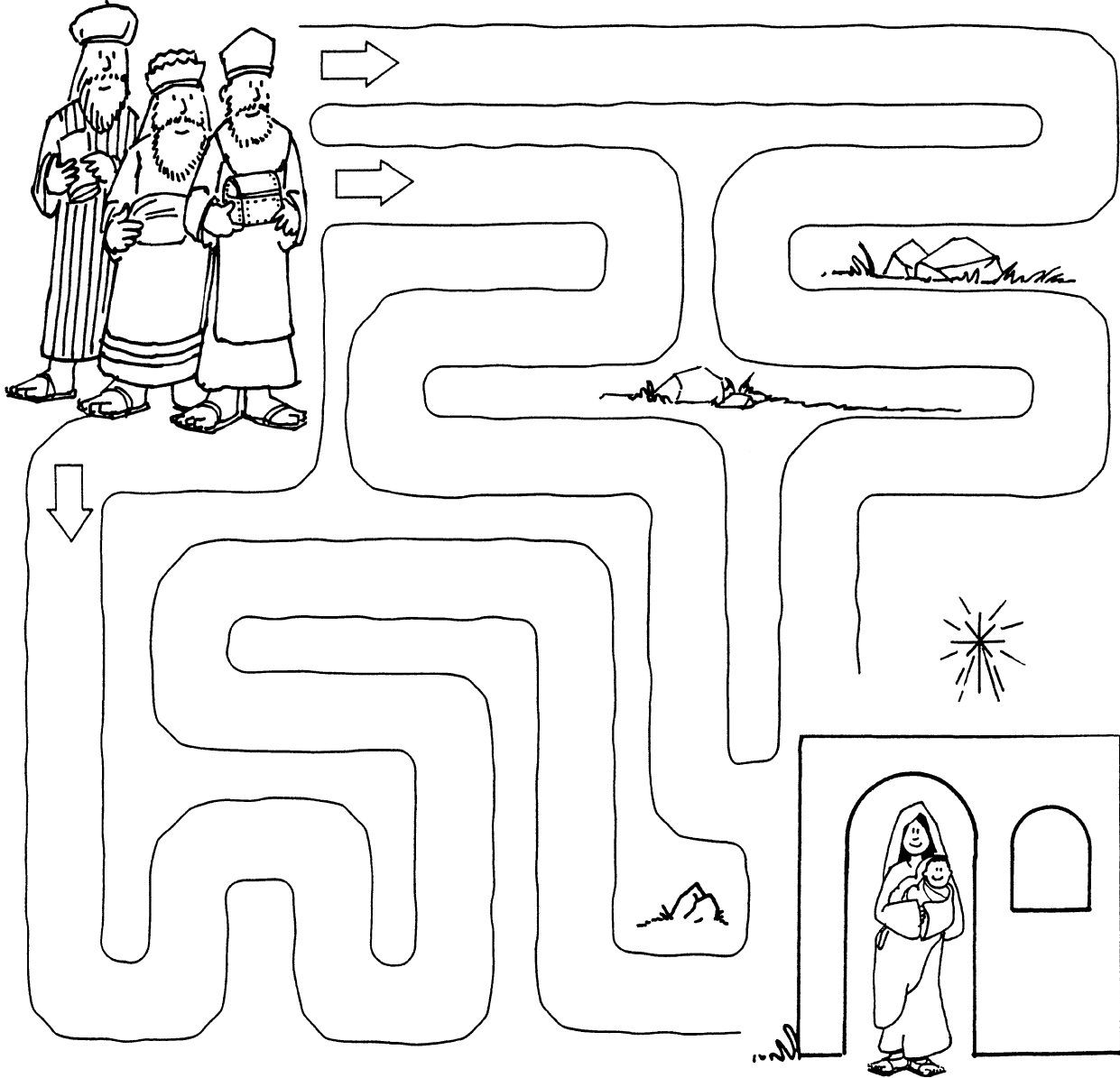


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PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #3

Magi from the East wanted to visit Jesus and bring Him special gifts.

Help the Magi deliver their gifts to Jesus.



**“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.”
2 Corinthians 9:15**

**Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for ...**

Please ...

**In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

Life of Christ #3
HAVE YOU BROUGHT YOUR GIFT?

2 Corinthians 9:15

“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.”

Introduction:

Becky’s birthday party had been great. When it was over, she couldn’t stop talking about it and smiling until her parents took her to the garage. There, underneath a blanket, was the coolest new bike Becky had ever seen. Becky stood there and started to cry. “Don’t you like it?” asked her parents. “Oh, yes” whispered Becky. “It’s just so great I can hardly believe it. Thank you!” Receiving gifts is fun, isn’t it? Do you know that God has given us a gift far greater than anything on Earth? Listen to our verse that tells us about it.

Presentation:

Read the verse from the visual and then from the Bible.

Explanation:

2 Corinthians 9:15 – This is the address of the verse. It’s where it’s found in the Bible.

“Thanks be unto God” – When someone gives you a gift, you should thank the one who gave it to you. We are to give thanks to God.

“for His unspeakable gift.” – What gift is this verse talking about? God’s best gift given to the world – Jesus, the Son of God. “Unspeakable” means that the gift is so valuable and so precious that we can only try to find words that tell how great Jesus is.

Repetition:

Pass the Box

Children pass a gift box containing wrapped candy or small prizes around the group as they say the verse. The child holding the box when the verse is finished says “thank you” and chooses a prize from the box. If he already chose a prize earlier, he passes the box to the next person to choose a prize instead. Make sure all have received a prize at the end.

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #3

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

2 Corinthians 9:15 – "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 3-1:

As wise men, put hand above eyes and look up into the sky. Ask, "What does it mean?"

Flashcard 3-2:

Pretend to pack for the trip. What things would you need? (food, water, clothes, blankets, etc.)

Shrug shoulders and ask the person next to you, "Where is He that has been born to be King of the Jews?"

Point to the sky and say, "The star!" Walk in place to follow it.

Flashcard 3-4:

Pretend to hand out the three gifts.

Bible Learning Game (Matching)

By Linda D. Ruth

Choose a child to be the leader. If space allows, child leads the others in a parade line around room. If space does not allow, child simply stands at front, facing the other children.

Everyone pretends to be riding their camel, hands holding reins, feet stepping, body bouncing. Together sing to tune of "Happy Birthday,"

*"God wants me to worship Him. God wants me to worship Him.
Yes, I choose to worship. God wants me to worship Him."*

Camels stop. Riders dismount. Everyone says together, almost in a cheering rhythm,

*"God is great! (CLAP, CLAP)
God is good! (CLAP, CLAP)"*

Then in a reverent whisper as if talking to the young child, everyone says together,

"Jesus, I love you."

Choose a new leader and REPEAT.

INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONARY FAMILIES

WEEK #2 - Meeting Our Missionaries

This week, you will begin to introduce the children to the missionaries that their offering will be sent to. There is a total of five families.

MEETING THE JENKINS: *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)* Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy Jenkins have been missionaries for close to forty years. Twenty-one of those years were spent in the country of Suriname, South America. As children, Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy both grew up in missionary families. Mr. Jared was born and lived in India until he was fourteen. Mrs. Cindy went to Nigeria, Africa with her parents when she was three years old. The Jenkins now live in Florida where they are missionaries to international students who come to America to study at universities.

MEETING THE LUTTMANN'S: *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)* Mr. Tom and Mrs. Becky Luttmann have four boys and a girl. Mr. Tom is serving as the director of Bible Visuals International. Bible Visuals prints Bible lesson materials, songs, and missionary lessons for Sunday School and Christian schoolteachers. Many of the missionary lessons and hymns we use in Good News Clubs (or your particular ministry) are printed by Bible Visuals.

MEETING THE SAÜLS: *(Show their picture and have the children say their names.)* Mr. Lucien and Mrs. Maude Saül are missionaries in their home country of Haiti and have served for more than 40 years. They are national Haitians with a ministry of training pastors and teachers to share the Gospel with children. They also have an elementary school for Haitian children. At this school they learn to read like you do in school, but they also are able to have Bible classes each day.

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #2

GENERAL MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, help our missionaries take time to read their Bibles each day and talk to you in prayer.

Dear God, please keep our missionary families healthy and safe when they travel.

Dear God, we thank You for allowing us to learn about missionaries. We are thankful that they love You and are serving You.



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Touchdown





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- They were gifts for Jesus; gold, frankincense, and myrrh; all were expensive and valuable
- Before the wise men left, had a dream from God, warning them not to go back to Herod
- Instead, wise men returned to their country another way

FLASHCARD 3-5

- Then Joseph had a dream, too; an angel spoke to him
- "Get up, Joseph, and take the young child and His mother, and run away to Egypt."
- "Stay there till I tell you, because Herod will look for the young Child to destroy Him."
- Joseph woke up and hurried to obey; while it was night, they started out to Egypt

FLASHCARD 3-6

- Herod soon realized the wise men were not coming back
- Furious, he sent soldiers to Bethlehem He would make sure this new King did not live
- Didn't know which child was King, so he ordered soldiers to kill all boys 2 years old and younger
- It was terrible; there was much crying in Bethlehem that night
- But Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were safe in Egypt

- Herod knew Who Jesus was and he wanted to kill Him
- The wise men knew too and wanted to worship Him
- You know Who Jesus is; what will you decided about Him?

INVITATION

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life (life that goes on forever in Heaven when your life on Earth is over) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

YOU SHOULD GIVE GOD YOUR WORSHIP

**R – Review PAS verse
2 Corinthians 9:15 – “Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.”**

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #3 Matthew 2:1-14

- A man dressed in beautiful robes stood still and silent, head tilted back, looking at the sky
- As it got darker, another man, wearing a gold necklace, walked over; he too was looking at sky
- For a moment, neither said anything; then the man in the gold necklace spoke...

- "Have you ever seen a star like that before?"

- The first man shook his head, "Never."

- Bible doesn't tell us exactly what it was like when these men first saw the star, but it might have happened like that

- Doesn't say exactly where they lived

- We do know they were wise men; rich, smart people whose job was to study and give advice

- People trusted them to figure out the meaning of any strange or mysterious thing that happened

FLASHCARD 3-1

- Now a strange and mysterious thing was happening; a star different from any they'd seen appeared in the sky

- Why was it there? What did it mean?

- They must have gone to their old papers and searched

- More than 1000 years before, a prophet said a star and a King would come from the Israelites

- The wise men didn't know it yet, but that King was Jesus

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- Jesus was the King the prophet was talking about

- Then they must have found writings of Daniel, an Israelite who worked as a wise man in their own country

- Years before, Daniel wrote that God had told him how many years it would be until the Promised One, the King, would be killed

- Many years later, that did happen, just as God said it would

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1 Peter 2:24 – “Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree...”

- Wise men did not know Jesus was the One, but maybe they found out how many years until this special King would die

- They must have added up the numbers; if He was killed as a grown Man, that meant He would be born...just about now!

- We don't know exactly how the wise men figured out what the star meant

- Discovered one thing for sure; the star was there because the King of the Israelites had been born. It was His star
- Somehow, they knew this King was important; decided to find Him

FLASHCARD 3-2

- So they began long journey to the land of Israel; probably took many, many months
- Decided to go to Jerusalem, maybe because it was the most important city in Israel. Seemed like a place for a King to be born
- People who lived in Jerusalem must have been surprised on the day strangers arrived from a faraway country
- Everywhere the wise men went, they kept asking, "Where is He that has been born to be King of the Jews?"
- "We have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."
- The wise men knew this King deserved to be worshiped

MT – YOU SHOULD GIVE GOD YOUR WORSHIP

- Somehow, the wise men knew the King they were searching for deserved to be worshiped
- People in Jerusalem were troubled; they knew the king they had would not be happy

- King Herod, who the Roman government had put in charge, was an evil man
- As soon as he heard about these strangers and their question, he called for the Jewish priests and leaders
- Herod; "Tell me where the Promised One from God is supposed to be born."
- Jewish leaders knew all about the first part of the Bible; didn't have to look up the answer
- "It is written that the Ruler of Israel will be born in Bethlehem."

FLASHCARD 3-3

- Next, Herod called the wise men; asked them careful questions about what time the star first appeared. He wanted to know when Baby King had been born
- Herod; "Go to Bethlehem and search; when you have found Him, tell me where He is so I may come and worship Him also."
- Herod may have smiled, but he was lying; didn't want to worship this King; wanted to kill Him!
- Didn't want anyone to be king but him; Herod was a sinner

S, PAU Jeremiah 17:9 – "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

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- 2.
- 3.

- Herod was a sinner; he was lying to the wise men about why he wanted to find this new King
- But wise men must have been excited; Bethlehem was only a few miles away!

FLASHCARD 3-2

- As they started their journey again, one must have pointed
- There it was! The star! It was in front of them, leading them!
- As they came into Bethlehem, the star stopped over one house
- Bible says, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."
- Knew they had finally come to the right place
- God was using a star to guide them to the King! God was doing this because He loved them

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- He used a star to show the wise men He loved them. The star led them to the right place

FLASHCARD 3-4

- Inside, they found Mary with her little son, Jesus
- By now, He wasn't a Baby, He would have been a year or two old
- When the wise men saw Him, they bowed down and worshiped
- God helped them understand that this little Child deserved to be worshiped because He is God

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD GIVE GOD YOUR WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 9:15 – "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

- 1.
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- The wise men wanted to worship God. Somehow understood this Child was God
 - Maybe Joseph was there too, wondering what these important men were doing in his house; must have been amazed!
 - Then the wise men opened their packages and brought out beautiful treasures