

- Then angel spoke to Joseph in a dream

- "Get up, take the Child and His mother; Go to Egypt; Stay there till I tell you; Herod will look for the young Child to destroy Him."

- Joseph woke up and obeyed; While it was still night, they started for Egypt

FLASHCARD 3-6

- Herod soon realized the wise men not coming back

- Angry! Sent soldiers to Bethlehem; He would make sure this new King did not live

- Didn't know which child was King; Ordered soldiers to kill all boys 2 yrs. and younger

- So sad; Was much crying in Bethlehem that night

- But Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were safe in Egypt

- Herod knew Jesus was the Promised King but didn't love God; Wanted to kill Jesus

- Wise men knew Jesus was the Promised King but had hearts who wanted to worship Him.

- What about you?

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD HAVE A HEART THAT WANTS TO WORSHIP GOD – Psalm 29:1 – "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name...."

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W – Will you do it?

- If haven't believed on Jesus as Saviour, you can't do this

- Your sin is separating you from God

- But God made only way for you to be saved from your sin & have changed heart that wants to love & worship Him

INVITATION

Rom. 6:23 – "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life (wonderful relationship with God that starts now and lasts forever) through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

Life of Christ #3

Matthew 2:1-18

- How many of you heard the word worship? Lots of times we think worship is something only do in church.

- But every day, our hearts are worshipping. We worship something when we give it all our love and treat it as the most important thing.

- It's easy to worship friends, family, even games we like to play; But God is the only One Who should be worshiped.

- Our true story from the Bible talks about this

- Many yrs. ago some men saw a star; They had never seen it before; It was bright, beautiful, & stood out from all the rest

- We don't know a lot about these men; But do know were wise men who studied the stars

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

FLASHCARD 3-1

- Now a strange, mysterious thing was happening; A star

different from any other appeared in the sky

- Why was it there? What did it mean?

- They must have gone to their old writings and searched for answers

- What they found...More than 1,000 yrs. before, a prophet said,

- "...There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel...."

- A King would be born; Would come from Israelites; Who is this King?

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- Jesus is the King the prophet was talking about

- Don't know for sure how the wise men figured out what the star in sky meant...

- We do know that God did cause them to know this star had to do with this Promised King who had been born

- Wise men knew King was important; Wanted to find Him

FLASHCARD 3-2

- So they began long journey to the land of Israel; Probably took many, many months

- Traveled to Jerusalem, most important city in Israel; Place where the king lived

- People from Jerusalem probably surprised as they saw these men arrive; Knew they were not from Israel

- The wise men asked, "Where is He that has been born, 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; They had hearts that wanted to worship Him

MT – YOU SHOULD HAVE A HEART THAT WANTS TO WORSHIP GOD

- Remember, worship means we give it all our love; Treat it as most important thing

- The wise men wanted to worship this King; Knew He deserved to be worshiped

- King Herod, who the Roman government had put in charge, was an evil man

- When he heard about these strangers, he called for the Jewish leaders

- Herod: "Tell me where the Promised King from God is supposed to be born."

- Jewish leaders knew what God said in Old Testament; Answered that the King would be born in Bethlehem

FLASHCARD 3-3

- Herod: "Go to Bethlehem; When you have found Him, tell me where He is so I may come and worship Him also."

- Herod may have seemed like he was telling the truth, but he wasn't. He really wanted to kill this King.

- Didn't want anyone to be king but him; Only cared about himself; Didn't care about God's way; Wanted his way instead

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

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- Herod wanted his way instead of God's way; Wanted to find this new King so he could kill Him

- But wise men didn't know that; Probably excited; Bethlehem was only a few miles away!

FLASHCARD 3-2

- As traveled, something amazing! The star was in moving, leading them!

- As they came into Bethlehem, the star stopped over a house

- Bible says, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced...."

- Knew they had finally come to the right place

- God did all of this, put that star in the sky, to guide wise men to the Promised King!

- He wanted them to find Him because He loved them.

- God did something amazing to show His love for you too.

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1 Pet. 2:24 – "Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree...."

- God loved the wise men; Wanted them to find the Promised King.

FLASHCARD 3-4

- When they arrived, found Mary with this little Child...Jesus; By now, He wasn't a Baby; Was about 1 or 2 yrs. old

- When wise men saw Jesus, bowed down and worshiped

- Left everything they knew, traveled so far, to see and worship this Promised King.

- They certainly had hearts that wanted to worship Him.

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- Wise men wanted to worship this King.

- Then wise men took out beautiful treasures; Gifts; gold, frankincense, myrrh

- Before wise men left, had dream from God, warning them not to go back to Herod; Returned to their country another way

FLASHCARD 3-5