



**4** **STORY PICTURE: The Search for Jesus**  
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## PARENTS,

Today preschoolers learned about the wise men who followed a star to find Jesus. Teachers said things like: “We have come to worship Him” and “People knew the birth of Jesus was important.” Hands-on activities helped your child connect to the Bible emphasis.

Lead your preschooler and family to worship Jesus and praise God for His Son. Family Adventures provide ideas for getting started.

**TODDLERS**  
BIBLE STORY

### THE SEARCH FOR JESUS

**Matthew 2:1-15**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God placed a beautiful star in the sky to let people know about the baby.

Some wise men saw the star. They knew it meant a very special person had been born. The wise men believed this person was a king.

The wise men wanted to see the special child. They packed up what they needed and went on a long trip. The wise men took special gifts for Jesus.

The wise men followed the star in the sky until they found Jesus' house.

The wise men saw Jesus and gave Him the gold and special perfumes and oils they had brought. Then the wise men thanked God for Jesus. They said, “We have come to worship Him.”

### FAMILY ADVENTURE SEARCH FOR A STAR

Cut a large paper star and put it somewhere in your home. Take your baby on a star search. Say: “After Jesus was born, God put a star in the sky to let people know about the baby.”

When you and your baby find the star, say: “We found the star. The wise men found Baby Jesus.”

Hold your baby close and open a Bible to Matthew 2: 2.

### FAMILY ADVENTURE MAKE A STAR PICTURE

Give your preschooler some dark blue or black construction paper and large shiny star stickers. Encourage your child to arrange the stickers however he wishes on his paper. Or use a white crayon to write Jesus' name on the paper in large letters. Suggest that your child put stickers on the letters. When he is finished, read the name. Say: “Wise men traveled a long time to find Jesus and worship Him. We worship Jesus, too.”



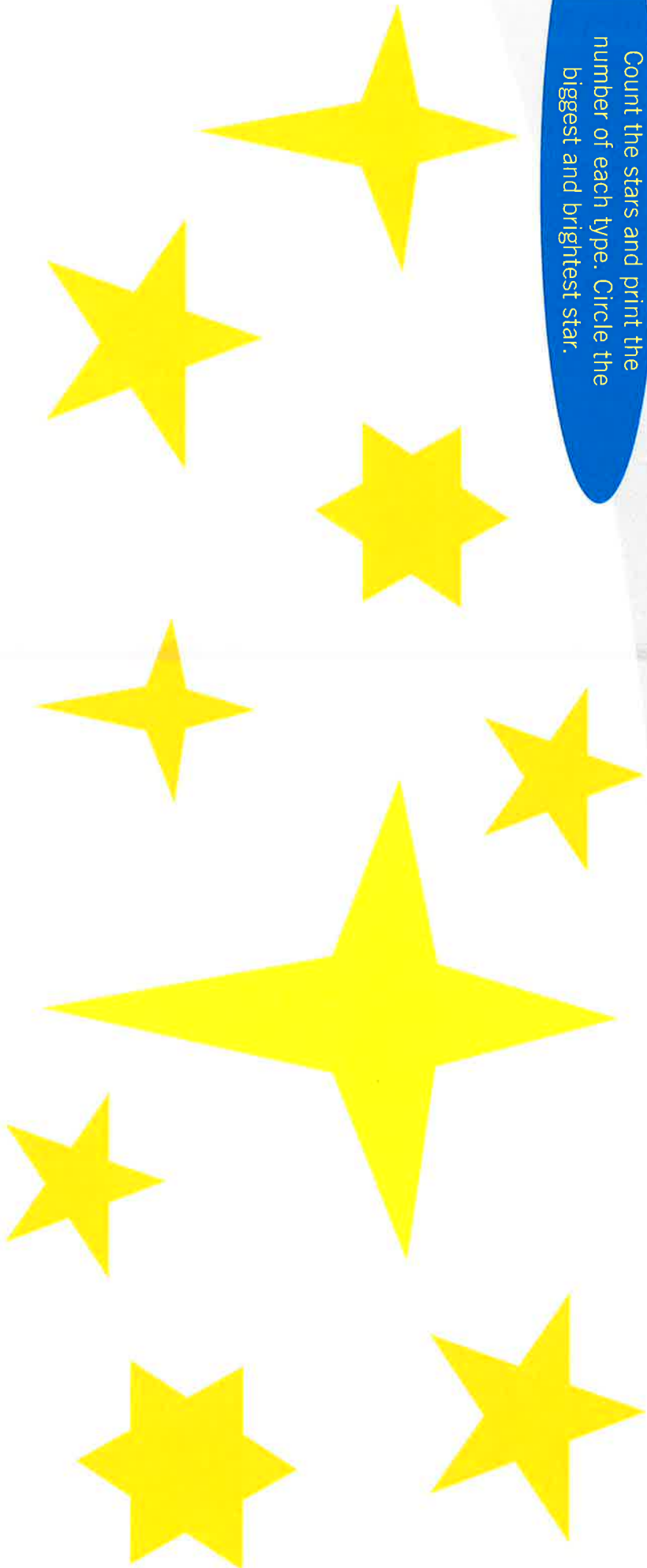
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# LOOK AT THE STARS



The wise men looked at the night sky and followed a large bright star to find their way to the place where Jesus was.

Count the stars and print the number of each type. Circle the biggest and brightest star.



	
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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

**BIBLE STORY:**

*Matthew 2*

**DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE:**

*John 1:14*

**BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*People knew the birth of Jesus was important.*

**KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*We should worship Jesus. (YK)*

*Jesus is worthy of worship. (OK)*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*Luke 2:25-38*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*Luke 2:34-35*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *Luke 2:48-50*

**MONDAY:** *Luke 2:51-52*

**TUESDAY:** *Luke 3:1-6*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Luke 3:7-9*

**THURSDAY:** *Luke 3:10-14*

**FRIDAY:** *Luke 3:15-20*

**SATURDAY:** *Luke 3:21-22*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

USE THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU STUDY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:



• **Make glow-in-the-dark stars.**

Gather craft materials and make star shapes out of different types of paper. If you have some glow-in-the-dark paint, paint the star shapes.

Give the stars plenty of time to absorb light. When it's evening, turn out the lights and look at the stars. While you are sitting in the dark, tell the story of the wise men's visit to find Jesus in Bethlehem.

Say: "Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Wise men went to visit so they could worship Him. God wants us to worship Him too, just like the wise men did."

• **Pack for a trip.**

Open your Bible to Matthew 2 and share about the trip the wise men made. Use a map to show your kids where Bethlehem is and where the wise men likely came from [possibly near southern Iraq].

Ask: "Other than the gifts the wise men took to Jesus, what are some of the things you think the wise men may have taken with them?"

Give everyone a turn to answer. Then ask: "If we were to pack for a trip, what are some things we would take?" Invite family members to choose items to pack in a small bag for a pretend trip.

• **Play I Spy.**

Begin your time by reviewing the story of the wise men's visit. Talk about the star in the sky which guided the wise men toward Jerusalem where they found the King.

Play a game of I Spy either in your home, or outside if weather permits. After everyone has had fun, recall again how the wise men saw the special star and followed it to Jerusalem.

Ask: "What are some things that we follow to show us where to go?" If no one suggests the Bible, be sure to remind them that God's Word gives direction for our lives.

# THE SEARCH FOR JESUS

## SESSION 4



**Text Truth:** People knew the birth of Jesus was important.

**Bible Verse:** We saw his star and have come to worship him.

**Matthew 2:2**

**Bible Verse Paraphrase:** We have come to worship Him. Matthew 2:2



### MATTHEW 2:1-15

After Jesus was born, some wise men were looking in the sky. They saw a star brighter than any star they had ever seen. The wise men knew the star meant that someone important had been born. The wise men believed this person was Jesus, the King of the Jews.

The wise men wanted to see the special child. They packed up what they needed and began a long journey. The wise men looked in the sky each night to see the bright star. The men knew the star shone over the place where they would find the child.

The wise men reached the city of Jerusalem. They asked people if they knew how to find the child. The wise men said, "We have come to worship Him."

The people thought the king might know about Jesus.

The king did not know about Jesus, though. He asked his helpers. His helpers said that someone long ago had told that the special child (God's Son) would be born in Bethlehem.

The king said to the wise men, "Go to Bethlehem to find Jesus."

The wise men traveled to Bethlehem. They saw the bright star over a house. The wise men went to the house. They saw Mary and Joseph and the boy Jesus. The wise men fell to their knees. They worshiped Jesus.

The wise men gave Jesus presents of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The wise men knew Jesus was special. They thanked God for Jesus.