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Jesus deserves our
praise and adoration.

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WHAT'S IN THIS Study?

DAY 1: Come Adore Him

DAY 2: Emmanuel Will Come

DAY 3: The King Will Come

DAY 4: The Deliverer Will Come

DAY 5: The Light Will Come

DAY 6: He Who Has the Key of David Will Come

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DAY 8: The Lord, Adonai, Honors Obedience

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DAY 16: What Child Is This?

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DAY 18: Hope in the Winter

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DAY 20: Servant of All

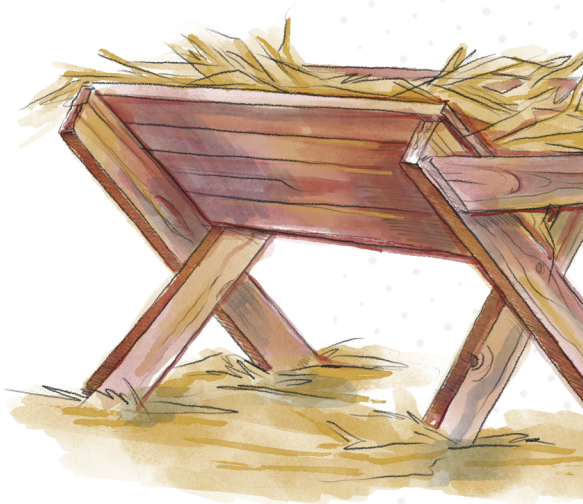
DAY 21: He's the Great Redeemer

DAY 22: Give Him Your Heart

DAY 23: The King Will Come Again

DAY 24: The King Will Rule With Truth & Grace

DAY 25: Rejoice! Rejoice!



Pre - K Level

Ages 2 - 4

King of the Jews



"What Child Is This"

The wisemen followed the star to find Him—
the one born King of the Jews—
they wanted to worship and give Him gifts,
but King Herod was not happy at this news.

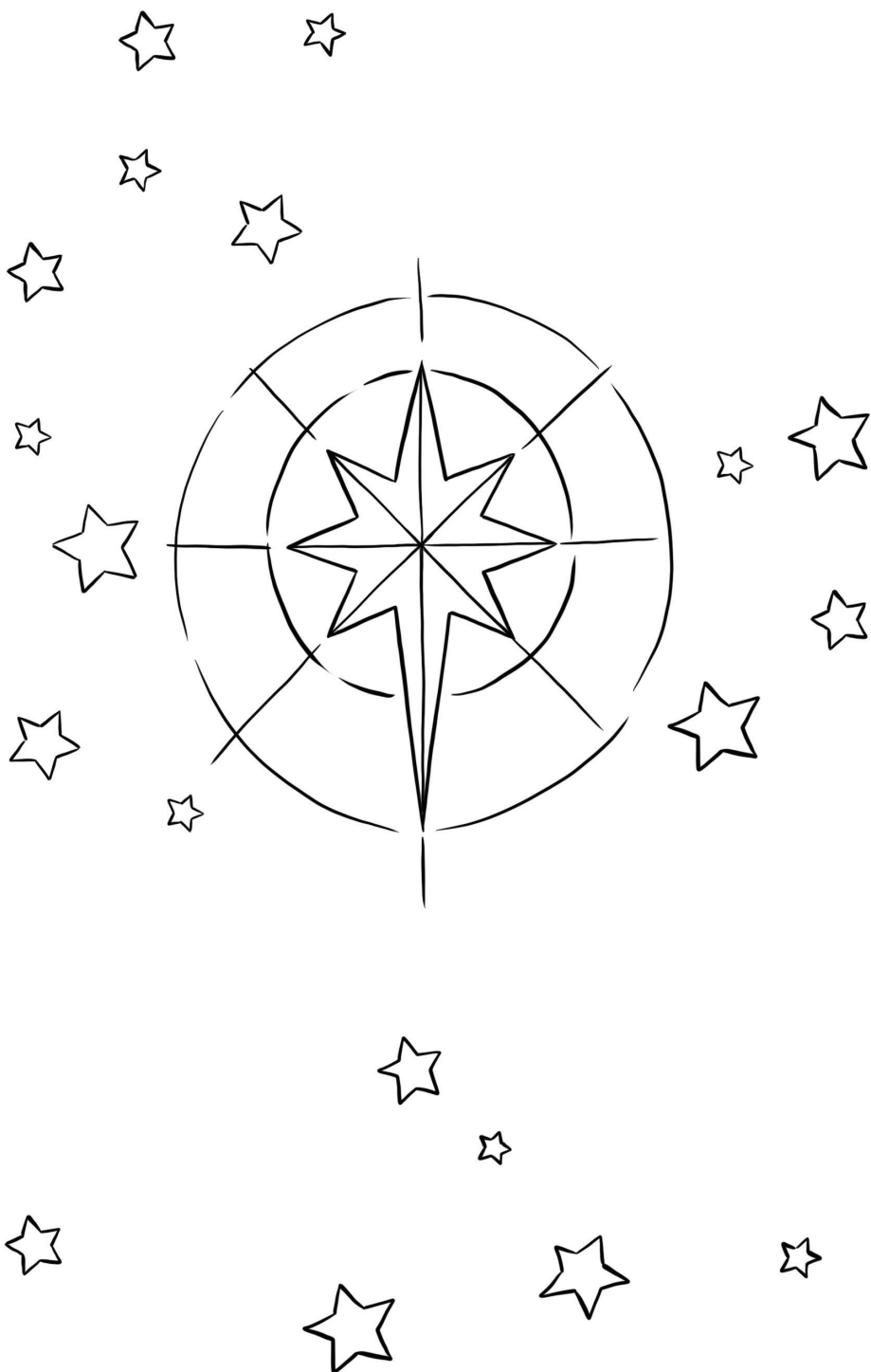
While the wise men realized Jesus is King,
Herod rejected Jesus' right to rule,
and just like him, if we reject Jesus,
we'll live our lives as disobedient fools.

→ KEY TRUTH:

There are two ways to
respond to the fact that
Jesus is King: worship Him
or reject His rule.

📖 MATTHEW 2:11





Color the stars and put your stickers around to show the gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7

King of the Jews

Let's start today by reading the third verse and chorus of "What Child Is This." →

Part of the Christmas story that has always fascinated me is the story of the wise men coming to see Jesus. Unlike the shepherds, who had angels come and announce Jesus' birth to them, the wise men came searching for Jesus and didn't know where He was at first. In fact, it took them a little extra time to find Jesus. Let's take a look at their story.

Read **Matthew 2:1-6**. What do these verses tell you about the wise men?

These wise men saw a special star and came looking for the one who had been born to be King of the Jews. Since they didn't know where to find him, they went to the capital city of Israel, where they thought a king would be born—Jerusalem.

Herod, who was the king of Israel at the time, was troubled and upset. He didn't want another king challenging him. So he asked the priests and religious teachers where this King of Israel, Christ, was supposed to be born. In Matthew 2:6, we see the prophecy from Micah 5:2 gave them their answer: Christ would be born in Bethlehem. Jesus being born in Bethlehem fulfilled God's promise and allowed the wise men to find Him.

Read **Matthew 2:7-12**. What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?

When they saw the young child, Jesus, they fell down and **WORSHIPED** Him. Then they offered Him gifts worthy of a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They had the right response to Jesus, the King! But what was hope for these wise men was fear for Herod, the wicked king.

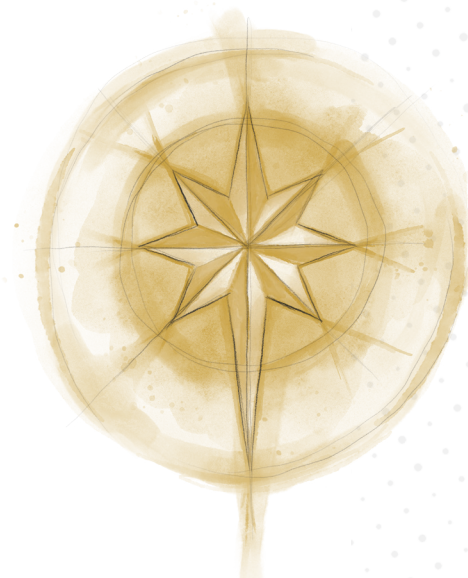
While many people rejoiced at the birth of the true King, others like Herod viewed Jesus as someone who would get in the way of what he wanted. Because of this, Herod rejected Jesus (Matthew 2:13-18).

While there are two ways to respond to Jesus as King, only one is right! We must worship Jesus and acknowledge His right to rule in our lives.

"What Child Is This"

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The Babe, the Son of Mary!



Draw the wise men worshiping Jesus and giving Him their gifts.

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Jesus is King: **worship Him** or reject His rule.

Today as you pray, ask God to give you a heart that
worships Jesus as King and wants to obey Him.

Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

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Sometimes we live our lives like this. We don't want to let Jesus rule every part of our lives. But any time we aren't worshiping Jesus in our hearts and allowing Him to rule our lives as King, we're rejecting Him.

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Youth Level
Ages 13 and up

King of the Jews

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What part of the Christmas story do you think the hymn is talking about here?

Did you say the wise men? They're the ones that brought Jesus frankincense, gold, and myrrh—gifts for a king.

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Read *Matthew 2:13-18*. What was Herod truly wanting to do instead of worshiping Jesus?

While many people—like the shepherds, the wise men, Simeon, and Anna—were excited and rejoiced at the birth of the true King, others like Herod viewed Jesus as a threat. Herod didn't want Jesus because Herod wanted to live his life the way he had planned and hoped and dreamed. Herod viewed Jesus as someone who would get in the way of what he wanted, so he rejected Him.

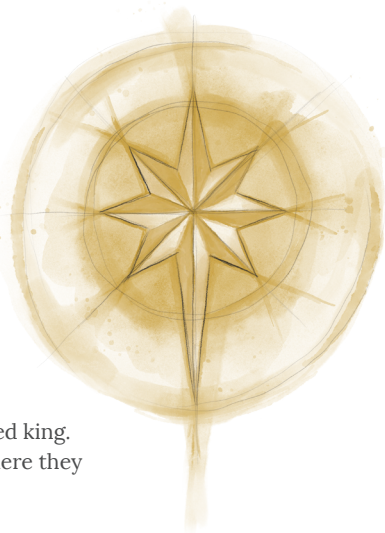
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Parent Guide

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The Bible doesn't tell us much about where the wise men came from or who they were. One interesting theory scholars have, however, is that "the East" refers to the region of the Babylonian and Persian empires where Daniel served as a leader among the wise men (see Daniel 2)! It's possible that Daniel taught his peers about the prophecies of the Messiah and that they continued the teaching through future generations of wise men.

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Scripture: Matthew 2:11

Key Truth: There are two ways to respond to the fact that Jesus is King: worship Him or reject His rule.

Discussion: Is your attitude toward Jesus one of worship and adoration or one of rejection and shutting Him out? What do you need to do to give Jesus the right place in your life?





ADORATION AT THE MANGER

Most of us grow up hearing Christmas hymns at church, at home, or even in the mall and stores during Christmas. But have you ever stopped to really listen to the words and think about what they mean?

Adoration at the Manger is a 25-day study of Christmas hymns and the Bible truth they're based on. Each day, we will go to God's Word to discover what these hymns mean and how they should cause us to praise and adore Jesus Christ!



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