

PRESCHOOL

CHRISTMAS part 3:

The Kings of all kings

Memory Verse

'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.' Matthew 2:10 NIV

An idea to help you remember:

Write out the verse and put it by the sink.
Recite the verse very time you wash your hands!

Story Time

Read 'The King of all kings' (pages 192-199 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

Jesus wasn't an ordinary baby. When He was born, shepherds were some of the first people to meet Him. The King of all kings welcomed by shepherds, but a little later he had some other visitors. Jesus came to rescue everyone; from the outcast shepherds to the very educated wisemen. The wisemen saw a special star in the sky and followed it - it led them to Jesus. There are lots of things that can point us to Jesus. In this story, for the wisemen, it was a star. But for us, the bible can be something that points us to Jesus (remember, every story whispers His name), the beauty or complexity of creation might be something that points us to a creator, a God, maybe it's a beautiful sound or a pretty picture. Wise men (wise kids) seek him still.

Questions to get you talking:

- What does a king look like?
- What's the coolest gift and the weirdest gift you've ever given or received?
- Why do we put a star on top of the Christmas tree?

Activities in your box

- **Wood round star ornament.** Use the wood rounds, yarn and star stickers in your box to make an ornament for your Christmas tree as a reminder to seek Jesus as the wisemen did. You could write today's memory verse on the back!
- **Gold, frankincense and myrrh ornament.** Use the gold leaf, and frankincense/myrrh resin to make a tree ornament to remind

you of the wise men.

- **Nativity part 3.** Find the final part of the nativity template and crayons in your box. Colour in the characters from today's story (3 wisemen)

Ask Mom or Dad to help you cut out the characters and make the first part of your nativity scene.

Activities using things around the house:

- If there is a clear night, go outside and see if you can spot the North star! (There are apps that will help you identify different stars, you might even be able to see another planet in our solar system.)

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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Digging a little deeper:

The wisemen brought Jesus some gifts - can you remember what they are? Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts were unusual presents, but they point us to some truths about WHO Jesus is.

Gold is symbolic of royalty. Jesus is the King of kings, the Prince of Peace.

Frankincense was used in the temple as part of prayer. It was considered a holy spice.

This could be a picture of Jesus being holy, God's son.

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