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A wise guide



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Bravely asks questions



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Likes to stop and think



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An encouraging friend

STORY 1: Joseph and the angel

Joseph obeys God



It was a time of surprises for Mary and Joseph. They were planning to get married, but one day Mary told Joseph that she was expecting a baby. Joseph knew he wasn't the father so although he loved Mary very much, he decided he would not marry her.



READ:
Matthew 1: 18-25



KEY VERSE:
Matthew 1: 21
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Q: Colour the squares with dots to discover the answers to these questions:

How must Mary have felt?

W R T U P S F Y O G H A F R A I D L K

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How must Joseph have felt?

H F A V U D I S A P P O I N T E D M A

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Q: Complete the following task to discover what happened next.

One night Joseph had a ... (Write in the first letter of each object)



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Q: Unjumble each word.

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The angel told Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife because the baby was from the Holy Spirit. This meant that the baby didn't have a human father. He was God's Son!

Q: Whose Son was the baby?

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The angel told Joseph that he was to give the baby a special name - Jesus. This name is special because it means 'Saviour'.

Q: Colour the words of the Key Verse which the angel spoke to Joseph.

“...you are to give Him the name Jesus, because

He will save
His people
from their sins.”

Matthew 1: 21

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It was over 30 years later that Jesus died on the cross. The Bible teaches that because He died, our sins can be forgiven.

When Joseph woke up from his dream, he did as he was told and married Mary. Joseph was willing to trust God, even though many would not believe that the baby was really God's Son.

Q: What did Joseph do after he woke up?

He _ _ _ _ _ Mary.



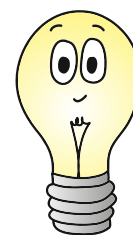
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It was a time of surprises for Joseph and Mary - Mary expecting a baby and an angel appearing to Joseph! In everything that happened, Joseph and Mary were willing to listen to and obey God.

Q: Unjumble the letters to find out what we should all do.

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y o b e



It's always
right to obey God.

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TOTAL:

STORY 2: Herod and the Wise Men

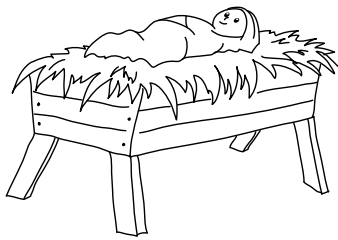
Trying to find Jesus



READ:
Matthew 2: 1-8



KEY VERSE:
Matthew 2: 2
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



Most people are very happy when a baby is born. But the news of Jesus' birth didn't please everyone! King Herod became very worried when some Wise Men came to him asking about the birth of another King.

A new star had appeared in the sky. Wise Men in the east knew that this was a sign of the birth of a new King. They travelled to Jerusalem wanting to find the child so they could worship Him.

Q: Where had the Wise Men come from? The e _ _ _

Q: Where did they travel to? J _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Q: What were they going to do when they found the child?
(Cross out the wrong answer)

kill Him worship Him

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Thinking Herod would know where the child was, the Wise Men went to him and asked:

**Where is the one who
has been born King of
the Jews?**

However, Herod didn't know where the child was and it worried him that the child was called 'The King of the Jews'. Herod was king and he didn't want anyone else to take his place!

Herod asked some of his advisors if they knew where the child was to be born.



They carefully looked through what the prophets had written many years before, and found the answer.

Q: Colour every letter that has a dot below it to discover the name of the place where the child was to be born.

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Herod called the Wise Men to him and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him."

But Herod didn't really want to worship Jesus. He wanted to kill Him!

Q: What did Herod want to do to Jesus? (Cross out the wrong answer)

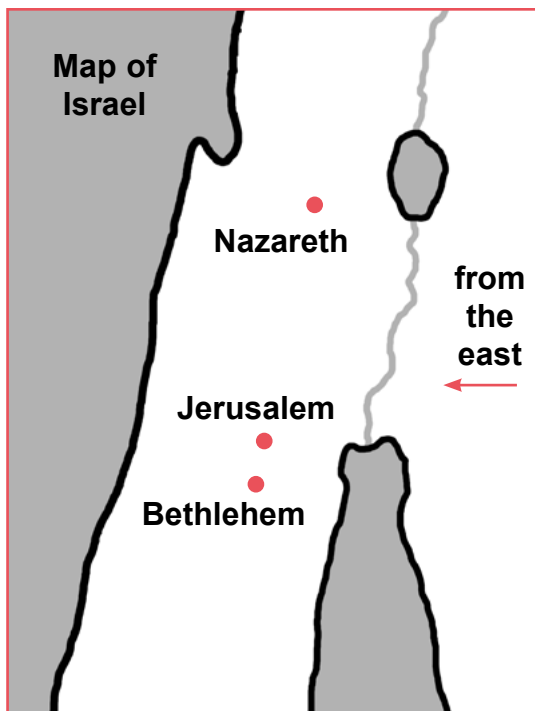
kill Him worship Him

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So the Wise Men set off for Bethlehem to find Jesus.

Q: Draw a line from the arrow to the TWO places where the Wise Men went, in their search for Jesus.

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"We...
have
come to
worship
Him."



Matthew 2: 2

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Q: Colour the words of the Key Verse.

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STORY 3: The Wise Men and Jesus

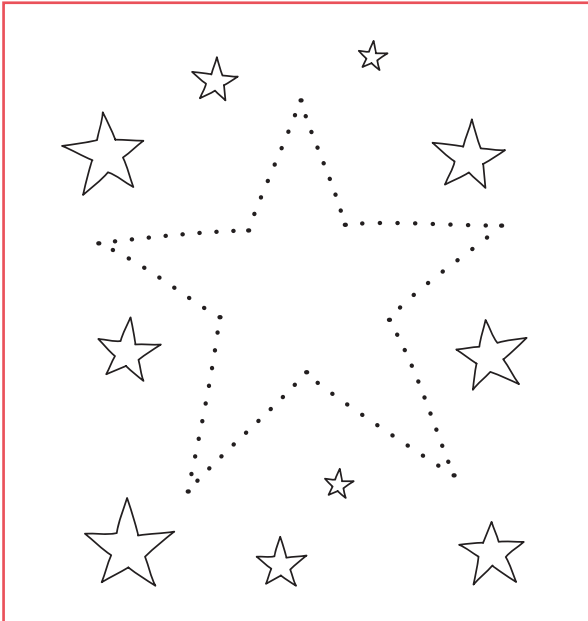
Following the star and finding Jesus



READ:
Matthew 2: 9-12



KEY VERSE:
Matthew 2: 11
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



If you've ever been on a long car journey you may have got lost. Sometimes it is easy to miss the road signs.

God didn't want to let the Wise Men lose their way. So after they had left Herod, they saw the star again. The star led them right to the place where Jesus was!

The Wise Men were very happy when they saw the star. Soon they would meet the one they had travelled so far to see!

Q: Join the dots to draw a star

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Q: How did the Wise Men feel when they saw the star?
Cross out the wrong answers.

sad tired happy

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Soon the Wise Men arrived at Bethlehem and found the house where Jesus, Joseph and Mary were staying.

Q: Colour the words.

On coming to the house,
they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and

worshipped Him.

Matthew 2: 11

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The Wise Men had travelled a long way. It may have been up to 18 months after the birth of Jesus when they eventually found Him in Bethlehem. But they never gave up! They knew that this child was someone very special and worth finding!

*Do you
know why Jesus is
so special?*



The Wise Men brought three gifts for Jesus - gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were very expensive gifts - the sort usually given to kings. The Wise Men knew Jesus was no ordinary child and that He deserved the best possible gifts.

Q: Write under the Wise Men the names of the gifts they brought to Jesus. Then colour the picture.



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M _ rr _

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After they had stayed a while, it was time to go. The Wise Men remembered that Herod had asked them to go back to Jerusalem. However, God knew that Herod wanted to kill Jesus. In a dream God told the Wise Men to go straight home and not tell Herod where Jesus was.

So off they went, praising God that at last they had seen the King and Saviour He had given to the world!

Q: Complete the Word Grid.

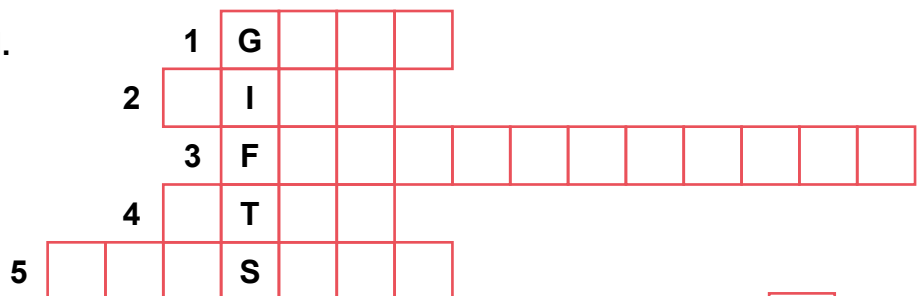
1) A gift brought by the Wise Men.

2) Herod wanted to do this to Jesus.

3) Another gift brought to Jesus.

4) The Wise Men followed this.

5) The Wise Men came to _ _ _ _ _ Jesus.



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TOTAL:

STORY 4: The escape to Egypt

God looks after His Son



READ:
Matthew 2: 13-23



KEY VERSE:
Matthew 2: 15
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



Have you ever waited a long time for some news? Herod had been waiting for the return of the Wise Men, but they did not arrive! They had obeyed God and gone straight home.

Herod became very angry because he feared that one day this child might be king instead of him. He decided that every boy in Bethlehem who was under two years old must be killed! What a terrible thing to do!

Again God spoke to Joseph in a dream. He told Joseph to take his family and escape to Egypt. There he would be safe until God told him to return.

Q: Cross out the wrong answers to each of these questions.

Who obeyed God and went straight home? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

Who decided to kill the children? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

Who was told by God to go to Egypt? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

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Some time later Herod died. God told Joseph it was now safe to return to Israel. So Joseph, Mary and Jesus left Egypt and went to Nazareth.

Q: Where did Joseph and his family go to?

N _ _ _ _ _ .

It was here that Jesus grew up, always pleasing His Father God in Heaven.



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Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the Bible had foretold His birth. God had planned for His Son to be born in Bethlehem. God knew that Herod would try to kill Him. God also knew that Jesus would spend some time in Egypt. The Bible had predicted:

“Out of Egypt
I called my Son.”

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Q: Colour these words from **Matthew 2: 15**.

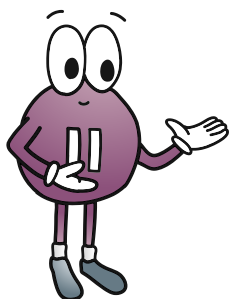
In all that happened, God was protecting His Son. Mary and Joseph pleased God by obeying all that God had commanded them to do.

Q: In the **WORD GRID**, circle the answers to the following questions. They may be written up and down, or backwards!

- 1) Who was Mary's husband?
- 2) To which country was Jesus taken for safety?
- 3) Who was Joseph's wife?
- 4) Who kept the family safe?
- 5) Which book foretold the birth of Jesus?

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“..the Father has sent His Son
to be the Saviour of the world.”
1 John 4: 14

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