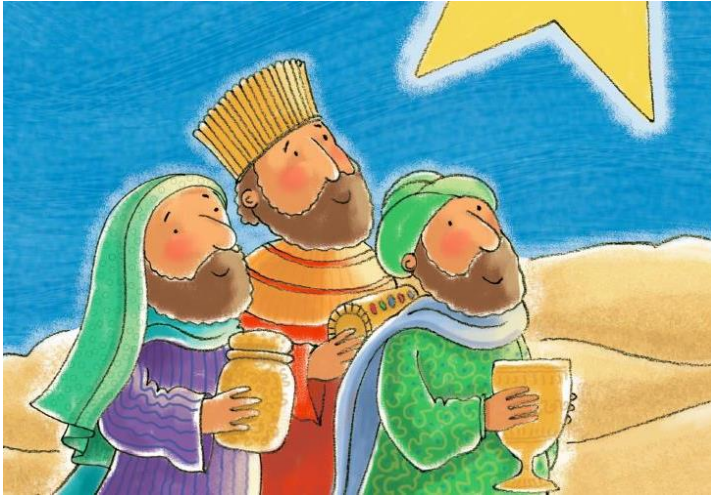


Wise Men Worship King Jesus Matthew 2:1-18



A group of wise men who've studied the stars notice an unusual star and follow it, looking for the newborn king that had caused the star to rise. When the wise men find Jesus, they worship him because Jesus is the king. Hearing of this, King Herod wants to kill Jesus, but God leads both the wise men and Jesus' family to keep Jesus safe.

Church Announcements

- In October we will be having a food pantry showdown in our Sunday School classes. Each Sunday we will be collecting food pantry items, whichever class brings in the most items will win a special party!
- Fall Festival is October 7 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2).

Reigning King

Jesus is the only true king. All other kings and queens will come and go, but Jesus is the king forever! Play this game to help your family learn that Jesus is the king forever.

1. Have everyone walk around balancing a piece of paper on his or her head—no hands.
2. The last person with the paper still on his or her head is the reigning king or queen!
3. Play a few rounds, trying to get a new king or queen each time.
4. Talk about these questions:
 - **Why don't regular kings and queens reign forever?**
 - **What makes Jesus a special king?**
5. Have everyone color a picture on their paper that shows a gift they could bring Jesus, their king.

Through the Week

Here's an activity you can do throughout the week.

1. Stop and pick up any coins you find, no matter how busy you are.
2. Look through your car, couch cushions, or other places you might find change.
3. Collect all the change in a jar.
4. Consider if there are any normal purchases you can skip this week, and use the jar to save the money you would have spent on those things.
5. At the end of the week, discuss how you can use that money to worship your king, and give it as a gift to him.

Family Discussion

- What comes to mind when you think of a king?
 - Which of those words describe Jesus?
- What can you do to treat Jesus like a king?