



A Star Leads the Way

16



One night in a faraway land, some men saw a new star in the sky. The Wise Men said, "Look at that star! The new King of the Jews has been born. Let's go see Him!"

The trip took many days. But at last the Wise Men came to the city of Jerusalem. The Wise Men asked, "Where is the baby who will be the new King?"

King Herod heard this. He thought, I am king. I will not let anyone take my place. I will find this baby and kill him. Then Herod asked some teachers, "Where will the Savior be born?" They said, "In Bethlehem. That's what the Bible says." So Herod told the Wise Men, "The baby King is in Bethlehem. Find

Him. Then come back and tell me where He lives. I want to pray to Him too." (This was a tricky lie.)

The Wise Men went to Bethlehem. The star led them to the house where Jesus lived. The Wise Men felt so happy when they saw Jesus! They prayed to Him. They gave Him gold and other gifts.

That night God warned them, "Do not go back to Herod." So they went back to their own country. Then God's angel warned Joseph, "Herod wants to kill Jesus. Hurry to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to come home." Joseph obeyed God right away. When the soldiers got to Bethlehem, Jesus was safe, far away in Egypt.

Jesus is for all people.



Parents: Hold up high a golden, glittery Christmas star ornament and have a family parade through your house. Tell everyone to follow the star. Your parade can end either at a nativity scene or a Bible. Point out that a star led the Wise Men to Jesus. Today it is God's Word in the Bible that leads us to Jesus. Continue the parade, but now hold the Bible high as you parade through the house till you reach a picture of Jesus. Pray, thanking God that He has led you to know His love and salvation in Christ Jesus.