

CHRISTMAS!

THE EVERLASTING STORY

THE STORY OF...WORSHIP

Lesson 5

Matthew 2:1-21

About the time that Jesus was born, three wise men came from far away. When they got to Jerusalem they asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” King Herod did not like what they asked. He was jealous of the “new king”!

King Herod called a meeting right away. He asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said.

Herod told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!” Herod was trying to trick them. Remember, he did not like the new king!

So the wise men went on their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. They followed the star until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When it was time to leave, they went home another way because God had warned them in a dream of Herod’s trick. They knew to worship God, not the king of the world.

Big Idea

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus. They knew there was something very special about this baby boy and so they didn’t mind travelling very far to worship Him. When they saw Jesus, their lives were changed forever. They had to travel in a different direction just as we do when we choose to follow Jesus. It may not be the easiest path, but it is the way we should go.

MEMORY VERSE

The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem!
(Luke 2:11 NLT)

