

and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: **6** "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." **7** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem 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." **9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

What I Have Learned

Read Matthew 2:1–12 then fill in the missing words in the sentences below.

1. In what town was Jesus born? _____
2. From what direction did they come? _____
3. What evil ruler grew jealous and frightened of Jesus' birth? _____
4. What object guided the wise men and their caravan to Jesus? _____
5. Name three of the gifts given to Jesus as an offering by the wise men. _____

6. Who warned the wise men to go home a different route to protect them from Herod? _____

True Or False

1. ____ It was prophesied that Jesus would be born the King of Israel.
2. ____ Herod was pleased of Jesus' birth and wanted to bless Him in person.
3. ____ The wise men were so tired from their trip and slept after arriving at Jesus' house.
4. ____ Today's lesson comes from the book of Mark.
5. ____ Frankincense and myrrh are types of money.
6. ____ The wise men brought chests full of gold.

Keep In Mind

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 (Matthew 2:11, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Despite who you are or where you come from, the titles you have earned or how much money you have, God is still worthy of your praise and worship every day. Not because He will "give you things," but for who He is and what He has done. The wise men gave respect and worship to Jesus because He was the fulfillment of prophecies and knew He was their Savior and King.

Is Jesus your Savior? If not and you want Him to be, let your teacher know so he or she can pray with you. Say a prayer thanking Him for all He has done for you.

Doing My Part

One way the wise men worshiped Jesus was through gifts. You can give Jesus your time, talent, and treasure as worship. The most important component is making sure that you give Him your heart. Think of a way that you can worship Jesus this week with what you have to give.