

Lesson No. ( 18 )

## The Magi "Wise men" Visit The Child Jesus

### References

Matthew 2:1-12.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ It is not only a Nativity story, but also a story about perpetual life. The Magi saw the star and followed it so that they might witness the Lord's Nativity.
- ★ Now let us look at the Redeemer's Cross and receive communion, so that we may practically know the newborn.
- ★ Refer to the symbols of the Magi's gifts.

### Objectives

**General:** Celebrating Christmas.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Learn to give gifts to God through their donations.
- B. Come looking for God in the church and worship Him.
- C. Act the scene of the wise men, offering their gifts.

### Bible Verse

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Matthew 2:2

### Teaching Aids

1. A picture representing the Magi and their gifts.
  2. Felt figure and flannel board.
  3. Video.
  4. Make a Christmas party and get the necessary instruments - Three different crowns made of paper and decorated with colours.
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### Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

## Story Time

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, there came three wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him."

When King Herod heard these things, he was afraid that Jesus will take his kingdom. He decided to call all the chief priests and scribes together. He asked them where Christ should be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea, that's what is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the wise men, "Go look carefully and search diligently for the young child; and when you found him, let me know so that I may come and worship Him, also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. After they entered the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. They opened their treasures, and gave to Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

Activity Sheet, or the servant can ask the children to draw a star on a piece of cardboard paper, colour it... then they choose the biggest star and consider it the star that appeared to the Magi.