

Follow the Star: Station 1

The Wise Men

The wise men came from the East and followed the star to find the Christ child, Jesus.

Color or create wise men for your journey today.

The Kings in Context: Matthew 2:1-12

(Read through the entire account of the wise men.)

Devotion

In the story of Christmas, we learn about the magi: a group of special men who searched out the stars for news of the Messiah and set out on an epic journey to find Him. These men may not have believed in the Messiah when their journey began, but they probably did once they arrived! The magi are also often called the wise men or the three kings. It's unlikely that they were actual kings, but regardless, they were very important men in their time.

The story of the magi is important for many reasons. Through the magi and their visit, Jesus revealed himself as King of all people. The story reminds us that later on, as a grown man, Jesus would reveal Himself as our King, our God, and savior of the world. It also foretells of a time when every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. (Philippians 2:10-11)

Discussion Questions:

- ☆How many wise men do you think there were? Why?
- ☆Why do you think they decided to try to find Jesus?
- ☆How did the kings know that Jesus was special? Do you think they knew He was God?

