

NURSERY AtHome - A Parent Resource

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: Jesus is King

Memory Verse: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Magi Worship Jesus | Matthew 2:1–12



God sent a special group of men to see His Son. These men were called magi, or wise men. God showed these men the path to Jesus. He put a bright star in the sky above the house where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived. The wise men followed the star; these men knew that Jesus was King because they had read words from the prophets about a king who would be born in Bethlehem. When the wise men arrived at the house with the star above it, they bowed down to Jesus and gave Him extra-special gifts. God led these men to Jesus so they could worship Him. Jesus is King!



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring Jesus is King throughout the day. Use the extra activities to connect with God and His Word this week.

PRAY

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- Ask God to show you how He is King in your life.
- Ask God to show you ways to respond to Him in worship.
- Ask God to show you how you are a part of His Big Story.

EXPERIENCE

Read **Matthew 2:1–12**. Talk about what the magi did when they finally arrived and saw Jesus. Ask your children what they would do or say if they saw Jesus. How can you praise Jesus the King?

- What do you think it was like to follow the star?
- How do you think the magi felt when they finally met Jesus?

Play follow the leader. Pretend the leader is the star and the one who follows is a magi. Trade places and continue to play. Don't forget to declare, "Jesus is King!"

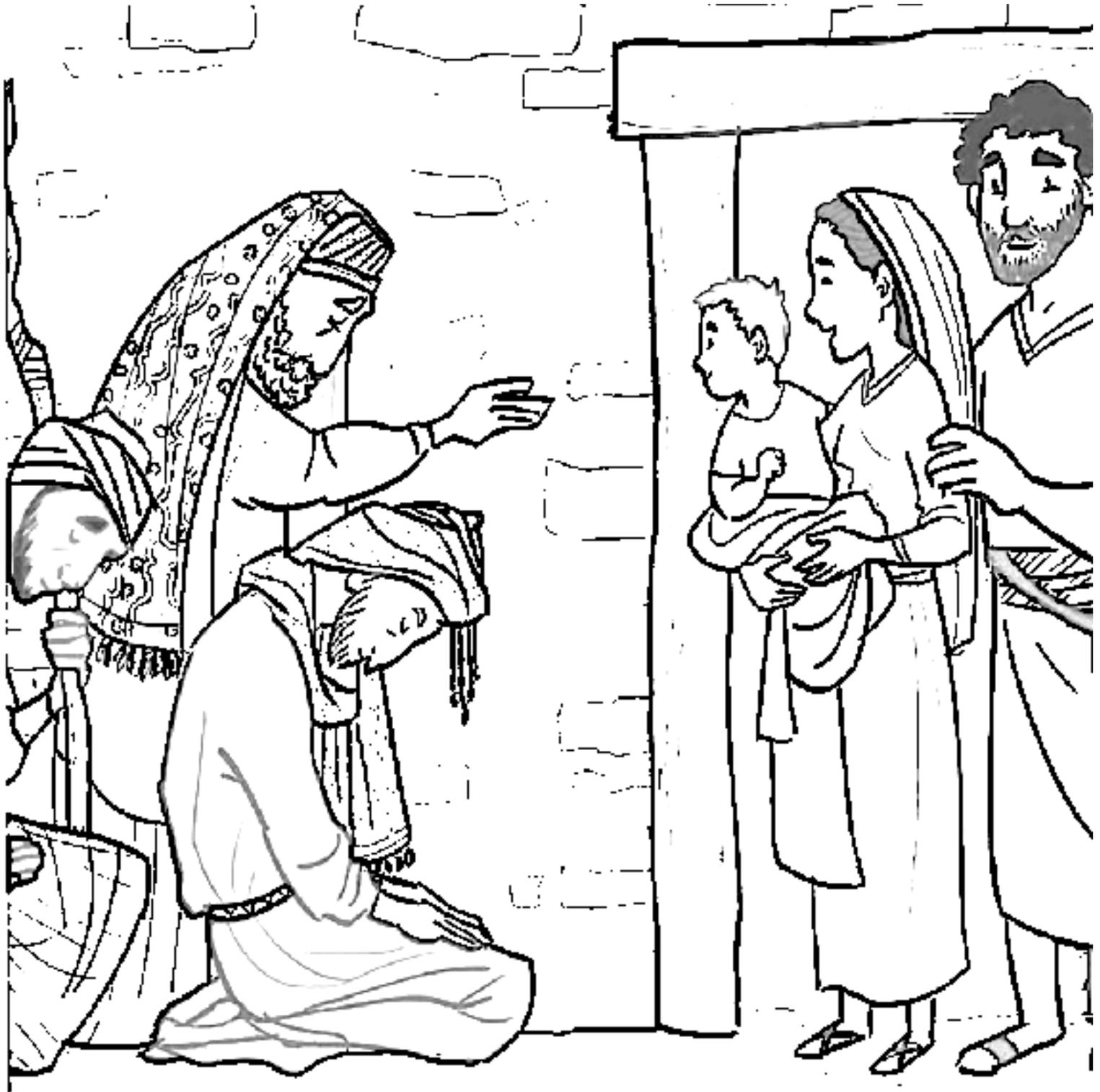
BLESS

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Child's name, may you know your heavenly Father loves you. may your hearts always point to Jesus. May you feel His strong love for you every day and know He is King.



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DECEMBER | Week 3

Magi

Matthew 2; Micah 5:2; Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1

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Discover

- Though we don't know much about the Magi (wise men), it's clear that they were a group of men who put their trust in the signs and wonders of the one true God.
- It took the magi many months to make their journey to find Jesus.
- Scripture tells us the start the wise men followed moved as the men traveled. Each movement of the star brought them closer to their anticipated destination.
- When the wise men found Jesus, they gave Him gifts and worshipped Him.

Experience

Bundle up your family and head outside to gaze at the stars. Simply look up at the night sky and take in the wonder of our God who created all of the stars in the universe. Ask your children to imagine following just one of these stars on a very long journey, just like the wise men did. **Read Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11.** Pray together as a family that God would help each of you worship Him in new ways during this Christmas season.

Follow

After reading through **Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11.**, discuss these questions together:

- What would it have felt like to be the magi following the star?
- How would you have responded after finding Jesus?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how Jesus is King throughout your everyday life as a family.

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(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that Jesus is King — over the world and over your life. May you praise Him and trust Him to guide you.**

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