

A Bright Morning Star

Children learn how the Magi followed a bright star in the sky to find Jesus who is also known as the Bright Morning Star.

TOPICS

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Light

AS KIDS ARRIVE (5 minutes)

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BIBLE VERSE (5 minutes)

"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy." Matthew 2:10 NIRV

Why were they filled with Joy? *(Because they knew Jesus was born.)*

BIBLE STORY (15 minutes)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the verses shown from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

Christmas is a time that many families get together. Some relatives travel from far away to be with family. Do you remember a Christmas when you had visitors? How about when you visited family, perhaps your grandparents? Well shortly after Jesus was born, He had visitors too. The shepherds were the first to visit Jesus. Angels told them where to find the baby.

Some time later, some very special visitors from the east were looking for Jesus. How could they find Him? They remembered the following words of the prophets:

Read Numbers 24:17a *(shown below)*

"I see him, but not now. I see him, but he is not near. A star will come out of Jacob." *NLV*

Read Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12

Discussion Questions:

1. Magi came from the east looking for Jesus. What did they follow to find Him? *(A Star.)*
2. What did they want to do when they found Jesus? *(To worship Him.)*
3. What did the visitors bring with them? *(Treasures or gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.)*
4. Is a star bright or dull? *(Bright.)*
5. Did you know Jesus is called the Bright Morning Star? *(Allow for answers.)*

Read Revelation 22:16 *(shown below)*

"I am Jesus. I have sent My angel to you with these words to the churches. I am the beginning of David and of his family. I am the bright Morning Star." *NLV*

FUN TIME (15 minutes)

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ALTERNATE FUN TIME (12 minutes)

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CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 minutes)

Cut out one very large star out of poster board or construction paper. Select one child to start and give him or her the star. As all the other children sit on the floor with their eyes closed, the child with the star moves to a place in the room of their choice. Then, the child will hold the star high above his or her head and say "When they saw the star, they were filled with joy." Then everyone open their eyes, get up, go to where the star is and sit down in the new area.

Quickly choose another leader, and have them do the same. Have as many children as possible be the leader while waiting to be picked up.

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STAR SEARCH

Children search for matching stars because Jesus is the Bright Morning Star.

TOPICS:

Jesus, Guidance, Just for Fun

MATERIALS:

Activity page for each child [PDF] [page 5](#)

Pencil



DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes

PREPARATION:

Print out a copy of the activity for each child in class.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each child a pencil and a copy of the activity. Read Revelation 22:16 to the class. Have the children search for matching stars as you remind them that Jesus is also known as the Bright Morning Star.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus is compared to a star? (*Jesus is beautiful and light to a dark world.*)
2. How can stars help us? (*They help guide us when it is dark outside. Sailors use stars to guide their ships at night.*)
3. How is Jesus like a guiding star? (*Jesus gives our lives direction.*)

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A SHINING STAR

A craft the children can hang up in their room or on a Christmas tree.

TOPICS:

Child of God, Christmas, Light, Self-Worth, Witnessing

MATERIALS:

Fun Foam*
Star Template [PDF] [page 6](#)
Permanent Markers or Pens
Glitter, Glue
Ribbons
Safety scissors



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

A week ahead, ask the parents to bring a small picture of their child to the next class. Explain that you will cut the face of the child from the picture and the children will use them to make an ornament in class. If pictures are not available, stickers or faces cut out from magazines will also work.

Before class, using light colored Fun Foam, cut out one or more stars for each child using the star template. Punch a hole at the end of one point and tie a ribbon to it so you can hang the star. Depending on the age of your children, you may also want to glue glitter around the edges before hand.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Give each child a star and glue. Have them cut out their face from the picture and glue it to the center of the star. Then they can add glitter to the edge of the star. Then, help them write their name under the picture or on one of the star points.

Make sure you have other adults available to help the younger children use the scissors, glue, and glitter.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

As believers in Jesus, we should shine for Him. This way people who do not know Jesus can find him by our shining light. The Bible says, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."(Matthew 5:16)

*Fun Foam can be purchased at most Arts & Craft stores, or you can substitute sturdy construction paper.

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WISE MEN SEARCH FOR JESUS

Children use the letter B to help the wise men find baby Jesus.

TOPICS:

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Following Jesus

MATERIALS:

Activity sheet for each child [PDF] [page 7](#)

Crayons or markers



DURATION:

Approximately 12 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class, print out one copy of the activity page for each child.

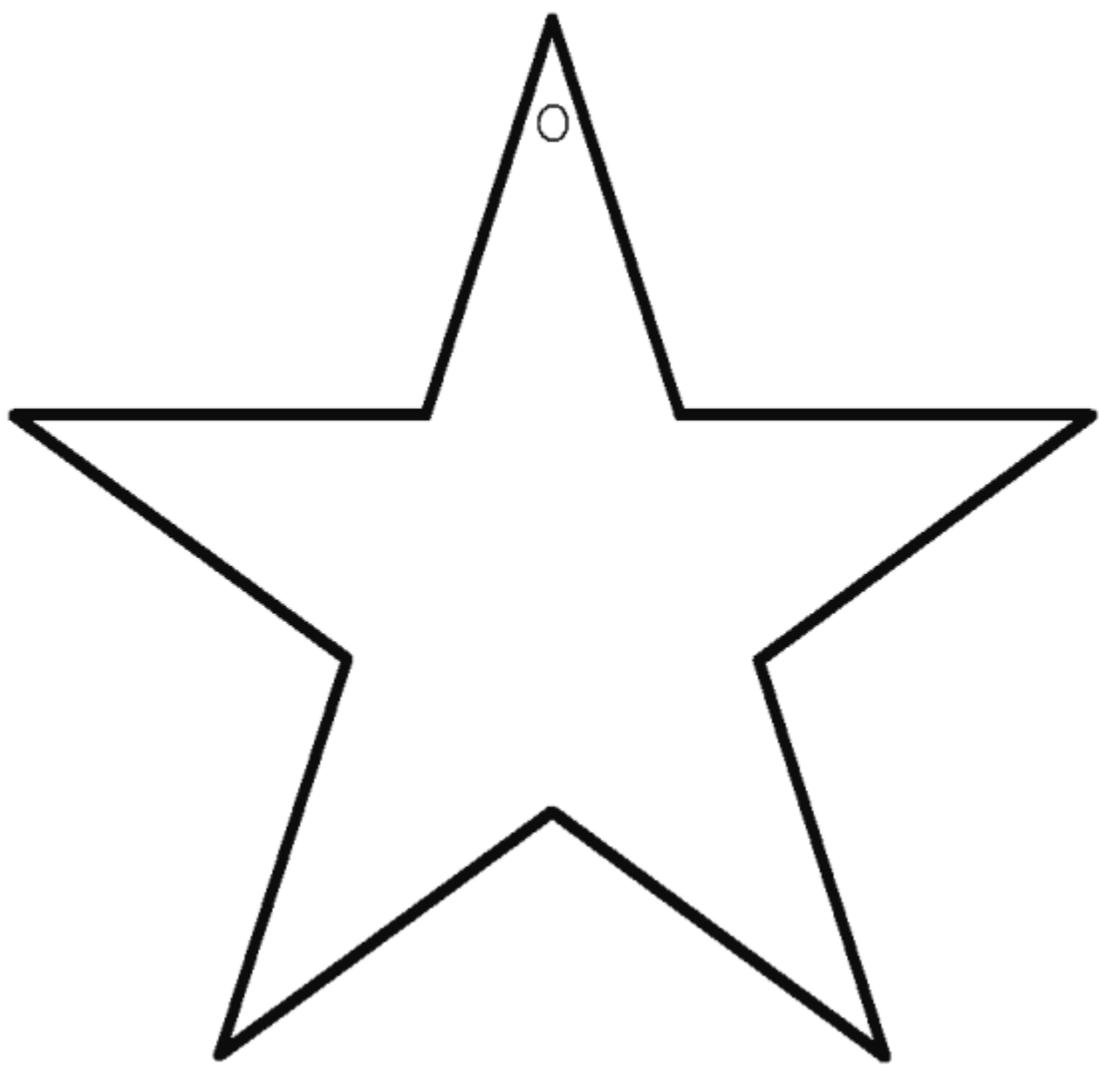
WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Explain to the children that they will help the wise men find baby Jesus by coloring each footprint that contains a letter B. As the children work on the activity share the Bible story of the wise men's journey to find Jesus. Describe how God used a star to guide the wise men to Jesus. Finish by telling the class that those who seek Jesus today are also wise.

Jesus is the Bright Morning Star

Draw a line to connect the stars that are the same





Wise Men Search For Jesus

Help the wise men find baby Jesus. Color each footprint with the letter **B**.

