

MATTHEW 2

SEEKING JESUS



Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Cut out stars that include riddles

Drawing paper and supplies

Read

Matthew 2:1-12

Explain

Compare the story of the Magi to what it means to come and follow Jesus.

They were interested so they came. They met Jesus, saw him, and they bowed down and offered him gifts. Jesus seeks us out, but we also must seek him to know who he is. And when we find him (which he promises us we will if we seek him with all of our heart), we then bow our lives before him and offer whatever we have to him. That's how wonderful and powerful and awesome he is. He is the King, and he is worthy of our best. Of everything we have.

Game

Follow the Star

Cut out as many stars as you plan to use. On each star, include a riddle of where to find the next star. Hide these throughout your children's area, allowing the kids to go on a star scavenger hunt by solving the riddles. At the end, lead them to either a doll or cut out the toddler picture (it isn't a great picture, feel free to find a better one) at the end of the lesson. (Remember, Jesus would have been 1.5 or 2 when the Magi arrived!)

Ask

After the game ask if it was hard to follow the star?

Do you think it was hard for the wisemen to follow the star?

What obstacles might they have faced?

What obstacles might you face to follow Jesus?

Craft

We may not have gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but we can offer our gifts, talents, and time to Jesus. We can offer him ourselves. Draw a picture of yourself and maybe list some ways you can offer your time and treasures to Jesus. Wrap it up as a present. At a later time, open it and see if you were able to do any of those.

Memorize

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:10



