

Matthew 2.1-12

Coming to Jesus!

COME TO ME
ALL WHO ARE
WEARY AND BURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE
YOU REST.

The story of the wise men helps you see what
coming to Jesus
involves.

Because that's what the wise men did:

and all through the Bible that's what God is urging
us all to do as well!

So today we're going to be thinking about just that.



it started with a long journey ..

The wise men really wanted to meet the King.

And that meant for them a very long journey.

I wonder what the longest journey is that you've been on – and where
the place was that you went to?

On the next page see if you can work out what each of the famous places
in the pictures is, and then draw a line to where you think each of the
places is on the map of the world.

(I've given you a bit of a help by listing down the side the place names!)

Write in the box beneath each picture what the picture shows.
Then draw a line from the picture to where on the map the place is



The wise men hadn't travelled to Jerusalem as tourists, to 'see the sights'.

Can you remember why they'd gone to Jerusalem?

“we _____
in _____
_____ have _____
to _____”

See if you can fill in the missing words! Here are the letters you'll need –

vowels

AAAAEEEEEIIIOO

consonants

CDHHHMMN

PRRSSSSSTTTWW



Read **Matt.2.8-10**

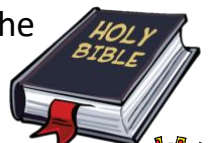
The wise men were picking up clues as they went along.

Every time they followed the 'clue' they were given .. they got another 'clue'!

The first 'clue' was from the



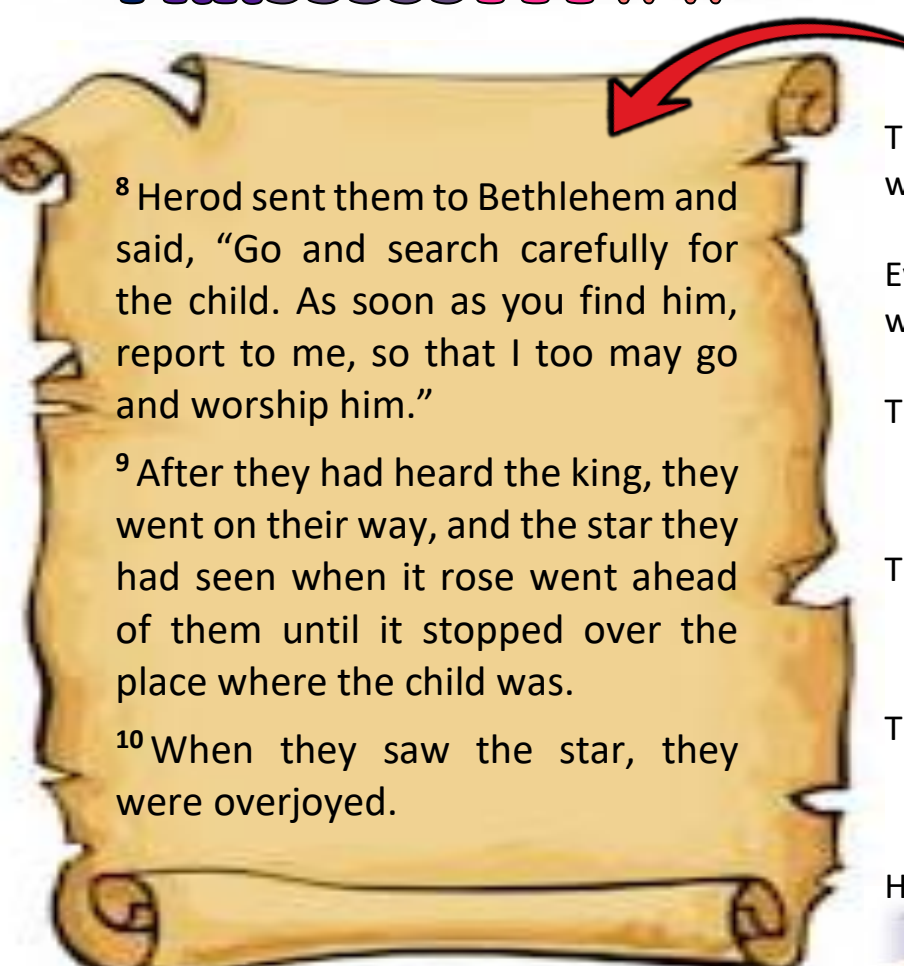
The second 'clue' was from the



The third 'clue' was from the



He sent them to



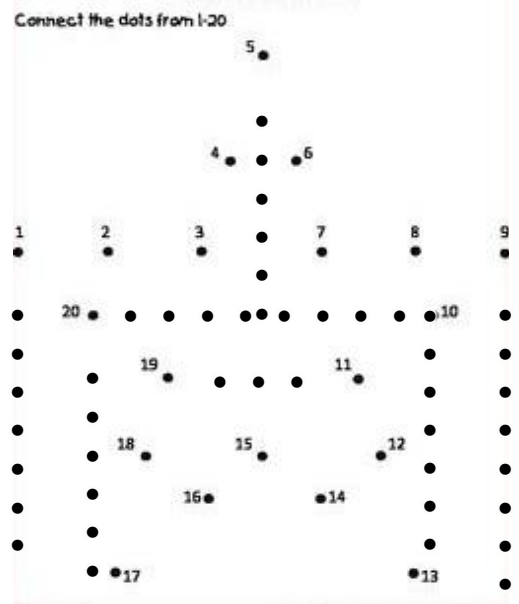
⁸ Herod sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

As they followed that 'clue', they got another 'clue'!

You can see what this 'clue' was by joining the dots alongside!



It was the



— — — —

again!

Can you see what they felt when they saw that!

Draw round the dotted lines of the letters below to get the answer!



The wise men followed all the 'clues'.

That brought them at last to what they'd been wanting all along: **they wanted to see the King!**

Not the nasty king Herod



Read

Matt.2.11

... but

Jesus the KING of all kings

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When they saw Jesus, they worshipped Him.

Can you spot the two ways here in which these wise men worshipped Jesus?

They

O _ _ _ _ **O** _ _ _

and they

P _ _ _ _ _ **D** _ _ _ _

Why gold, frankincense and myrrh?

With the **GOLD** they were recognising that Jesus is the king – the King whose kingdom is forever.

FRANKINCENSE was used in offerings of worship to God: so that gift is a reminder to us that Jesus is God.

MYRRH was used on the body of someone who'd died: and that gift reminds us that Jesus would die in our place to bring us forgiveness.



“.. they bowed down ..”

The Bible reminds us that one day ...

EVERY KNEE
SHALL BOW

‘Bowing down’ before Jesus
is a way of our saying
to Him day by day,

“Jesus, You’re Lord!”



When you know that Jesus is King,
like the wise men you’re keen to
give Him everything!

He can do amazing things with whatever you give Him!

Ask Him to help you live like that,
giving everything to Him each day!

That’s how you come to Jesus!

A prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.
Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)

Thank You, Jesus, for all that you teach me in the Bible.

Reading the story of the wise men helps me to see how You want everyone to come to You – no matter who they are or where they live!

I like the fact that Your name means 'The LORD saves'! I'm glad that You came into the world to rescue me from all that's wrong in my life.

I'm sorry for all those wrong things in my life (what the Bible calls 'sin'): please forgive me and help me day by day to live in the way You mean us to live.

Jesus, You are the King over all kings! I'm glad of that, and I want to live my life with You as King always.

Please help me to know each day how I can give all that I have to You. Thank You, Jesus, for everything!

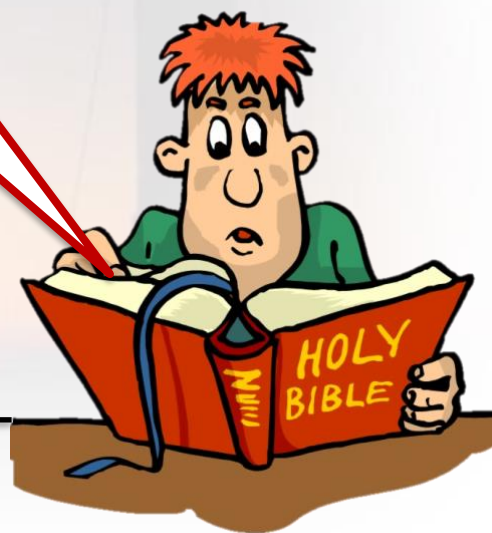


Today's verse for you to try and remember!

EVERY KNEE
SHALL BOW

**"On coming to the house,
they saw the child with his mother
Mary, and they bowed down and
worshipped him"**

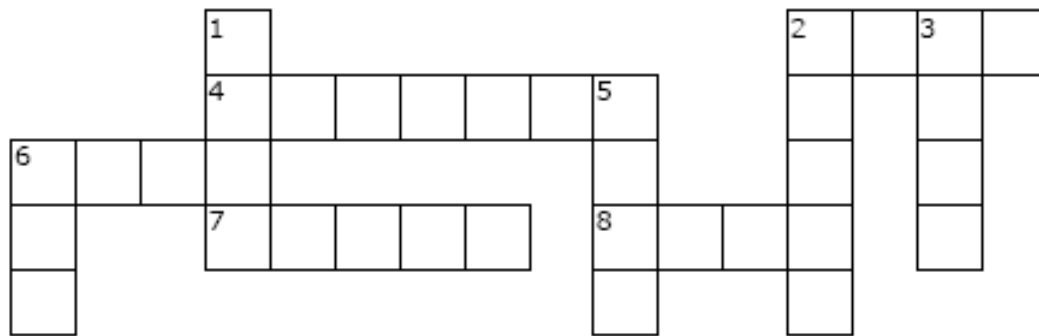
Matthew 2.11



a crossword

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI

BOW

STAR

GOLD

KING

GIFTS

EAST

BORN

MYRRH

INCENSE

Spot the difference!

See if you can spot the differences between the two pictures
(Colour in the pictures too!)

BibleWise

Wise Men – Find the Difference

Compare the two pictures of the wise men visiting Jesus and circle the differences.



A PUZZLE

There are four things hidden in the picture.



The Wise Men brought gifts
for Baby Jesus. Matthew 2:11.

Hidden in this picture are 3 gifts, brought by the Wise Men.
Also find the best gift you can give to Jesus. (Your heart.)

For you to COLOUR IN



The Three Wise Men

When Jesus was born, a star appeared over Bethlehem. The star was seen by wise men in the East who, believing it portended a king's birth in Israel, traveled to Bethlehem.

The star went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. The wise men entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

