



Quarter 3 — Lesson 33



Wisemen Worship

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Read Matthew 2:1-23 (or tell the story in your own words.) The Wisemen went to King Herod and asked, “Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to worship him.” (Mt. 2:2)

Explain: At Christmas people will ask us, “What do you want for Christmas?” What do you think God wants for Christmas? (Allow answers)

He wants to be King of our hearts. Can someone tell the class what it

means for Jesus to be the King of our hearts? (Allow answers)

Wise Men

The Wisemen were truly wise men because they heard about the promise and followed the star that God sent to guide them to Jesus.

Apply:

Will you bring your best gift to Jesus and worship and obey Him? Will you believe in Jesus? True faith in Jesus hears and obeys God’s Word. God keeps those who trust in Him safe from their enemies.

Power Point

Give Jesus
our worship
and obedi-
ence.

Activity: Pictures in a Pillowcase

Before the session, gather pictures or objects to represent: Bible, preacher, teacher, radio, TV, creation, Christian magazine. Place items in the pillowcase. **Read** today’s memory verse (Jer. 29:13) and **ask**: “Who is the ‘me’ in this verse?” Have a student come and choose an item from the pillowcase.

Ask: “How can God use that object/picture to attract people to Himself? (Allow answers) In today’s story God led the Wisemen to Jesus. How does God lead people to Jesus today?”



MEMORY VERSE

“You will seek me
and find me when
you seek me with
all your heart.”
- Jeremiah 29:13



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Gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

Explain that the Wise Men brought three special gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Use symbols or pictures to help the children remember:

- **Gold:** a symbol of kingship and royalty
- **Frankincense:** a sweet-smelling spice used in worship
- **Myrrh:** a fragrant oil used for burial and mourning

Wise Men's Motions

Act out the Wise Men's actions together:

- **Following the star:** make blinking motions with fingers in the sky.

- **Bowing down:** bow heads or bodies.
- **Giving gifts:** demonstrate giving motions with arms.

Discussion

Ask the children:

- Why do you think the Wise Men brought such special gifts?
- What does it mean to worship someone?
- How can we worship Jesus like the Wise Men did?

Worship Jesus Like a Wiseman

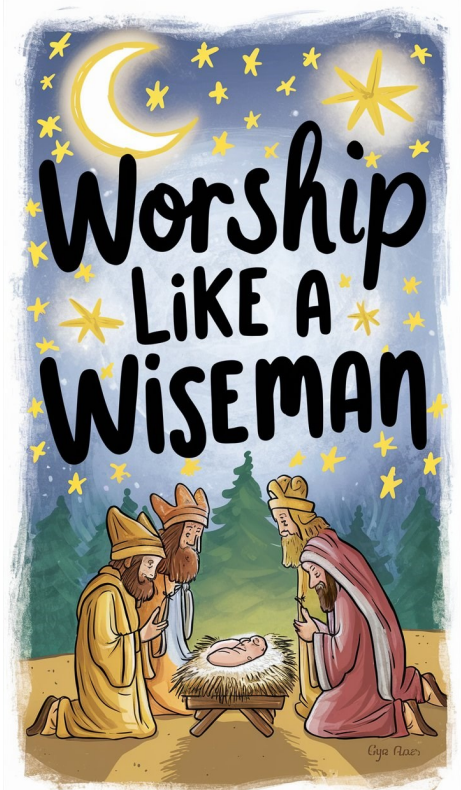
The Wise Men showed us how to worship Jesus in five ways:

1. **Kneeling in Worship:** The Wise Men knelt down to worship Jesus (Matthew 2:11). This shows Christians to be humble and respectful when we worship God.
2. **Giving Gifts:** They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). This teaches Christians to give valuable things to God as a sign of our love and devotion.
3. **Recognizing Jesus as God:** The Wise Men called Jesus the "King of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2), showing they knew He was special and divine. Christians learn to see Jesus as God and worship Him.

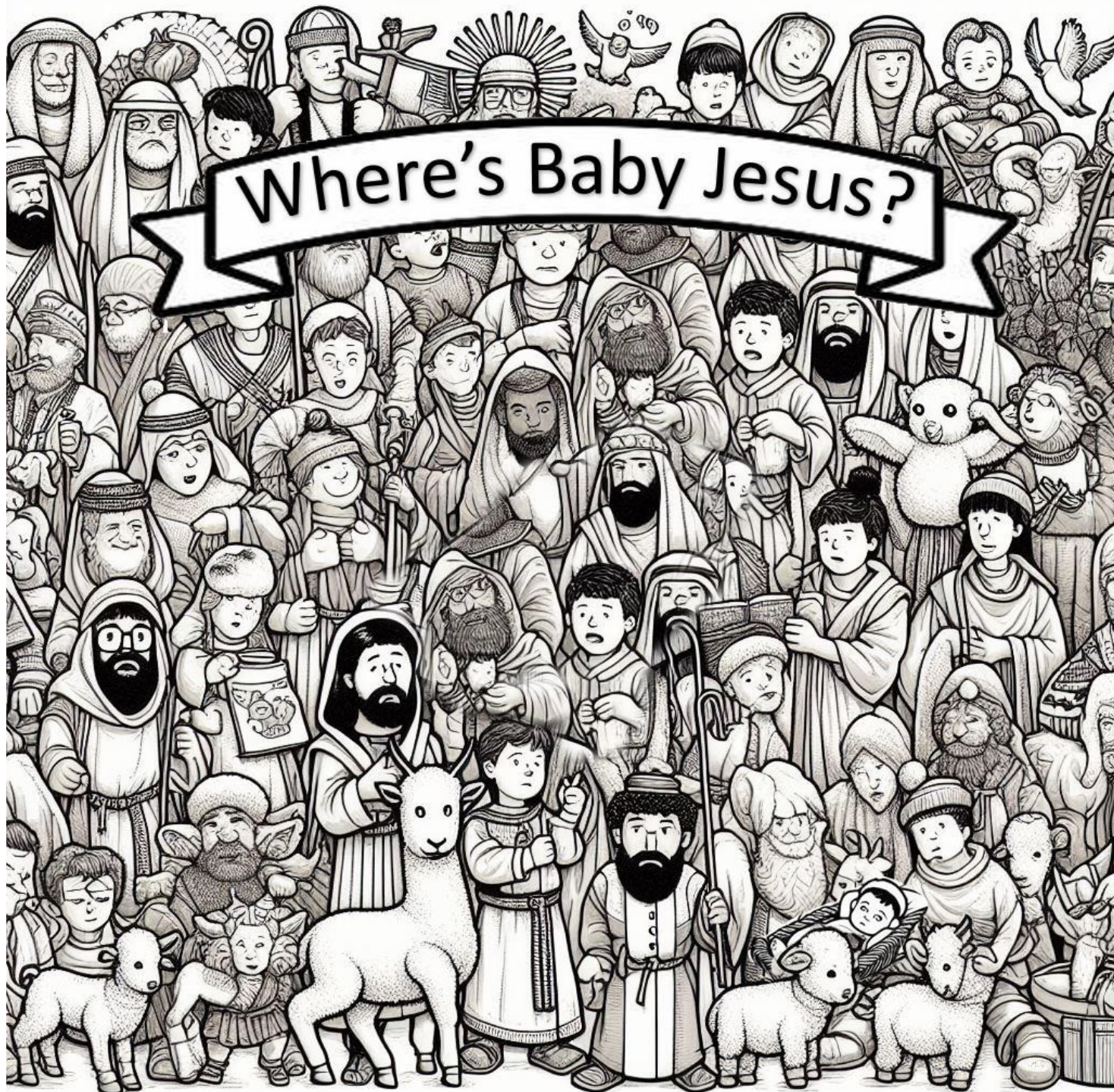
4. Priestly and Sacrificial Themes:

The gift of frankincense pointed to Jesus' role as a priest and His sacrifice (Mark 10:45). Christians see this as a model for our own spiritual offerings to God.

5. **Sharing the Good News:** The Wise Men wanted to tell everyone about Jesus' birth and kingship (Matthew 2:2). Christians are inspired to share our faith and stories about Jesus, just like the Wise Men did.



You have permission to photocopy this page for your class. This can be used for an activity and coloring page during class time or sent home as a take-home paper.



Take-Home

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Summary

Bible Passage:

Jer. 29:13; Mt. 2:1-23

Main Point:

Jesus is worthy of our worship and our obedience.

Discuss:

Q: How did God lead the Wisemen to Jesus?

A: He gave them a star to follow.

Q: How did God protect Jesus from Herod?

A: Both the Wisemen and Joseph were given dreams to keep them safe from Herod's anger.

Explore the Bible

Read: Matthew 2:1-12 aloud (*or tell the story in your own words*). **Say:** After Jesus was born, some special visitors from far away came to see Him. They were called the Wise Men, and they followed a bright star to find Jesus. Include these details about the Wisemen: They followed the star, asked questions, bowed down, and gave Jesus special gifts.

Worship Journal

Provide your child with a journal with blank pages. Explain to them that your family will be writing (or drawing) in their "Worship Journal" after each lesson.

- What does this lesson teach me about worshipping God?
- How has the Holy Spirit been helping me this week?
- Are there any commands in the Bible passages we read for me to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How have I experienced worshipping God this week?

Apply and Pray

Remind your child that Jesus is still worthy of our worship and gifts today. Encourage them to think about what they can give to Jesus, whether it's their time, talents, or treasures.

Pray: "Dear God, as the Wisemen searched for Jesus, and then worshiped and gave to Him, help us to worship You with our lives and our gifts."