Another way home

Everything you need to share The Wise Men Follow the Star at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read Matthew 2:1–12 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Matthew 2:1–12)

The wise men followed a light they only partly understood, for a long time, over hard ground. God met them where they were, using the stars they already studied.

When they finally saw Jesus, they did the only fitting thing: they bowed down and worshipped. All that travel ended on their knees.

And then they went home another way. Meeting Jesus changed their route. It still does: it changes how we spend our days, our words, and our attention.

As the Christmas decorations come down, ask what ‘another way home’ might look like for your family this year. God is still leading, and He still leads to Jesus.

REFLECT

What has God used to lead you to Jesus? What might ‘going home another way’ look like this season?

PRAY

Lord, thank you for leading me to Jesus. Change my route, and help my family worship Him with our whole lives. Amen.

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THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



The Wise Men Follow the Star

Matthew 2:1–12

God leads us to Jesus.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight." Matthew 2:10

ASK AT DINNER

What gift could our family give Jesus this week?

PRAY

God, thank you for leading us to Jesus. Help us give Him our best. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

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CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

The Wise Men Follow the Star · Matthew 2:1–12

Listen: Play the Listen version of The Wise Men Follow the Star on the way.

ASK

1. What did the wise men follow?
2. What gifts did they bring Jesus?
3. How does God lead us to Jesus today?

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight." Matthew 2:10

Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of The Wise Men Follow the Star (Little for ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “If you could bring Jesus a gift tonight, what would it be?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight.”
4. Pray: “God, thank you for leading me to Jesus. I give Him my love tonight. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Star cookies

Cut toast or cookies into stars. While you eat, retell how the star led the wise men to Jesus.

LIVING ROOM

Treasure boxes

Fill three boxes with ‘gold’ (yellow blocks), ‘spices’ and ‘perfume’. Kids carry them across the room to a doll ‘Jesus’.

BEDROOM

Flashlight star

At night, one person moves a flashlight ‘star’ across the ceiling and the others follow it around the room.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “What did the wise men follow?” and “What gift can we give Jesus?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child leads the little one around the house with a paper star until they ‘find Jesus’.

THE WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR · STICKER CHART

My gift-for-Jesus week

Each day, give Jesus a little gift by loving someone. Add a sticker or color a star!

Monday	Idea: Sing a song to Jesus	
Tuesday	Idea: Share something special	
Wednesday	Idea: Help without being asked	
Thursday	Idea: Draw a picture for someone	
Friday	Idea: Pray for a friend	
Saturday	Idea: Say thank you three times today	
Sunday	Idea: Give a toy you don't use to someone	

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight."

Matthew 2:10

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

The Wise Men Follow the Star

This book belongs to _____

Far, far away, a wise old man climbed onto his flat roof to look at the stars.

So the wise man and his two friends packed up their camels.

At last, they came to a king's palace.

So the wise men set off again, and look, there was the star, the very same one, shining ahead of them.

They knocked, and Mary opened the door, and there was little Jesus!

That night, God spoke to the wise men in a dream, don't go back to the grumpy king, go home a different way.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight."

Matthew 2:10

God leads us to Jesus.

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

GOD LEADS

US TO

JESUS.



God leads us to Jesus.

Three gifts for the King



The wise men brought three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Roll a gift for each circle and carry them to Jesus. Count them out loud!

1 2 3

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight.” Matthew 2:10