

# Christmas – Part Three



## Kids Bizz

**Topic:** Christmas

**Lesson Objective:**

- That the children learn about the importance of Christmas, and it's true meaning.

## Lesson Outline:

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## Memory Verse

*“And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth!”*

*Luke 1:14*

*Please feel free to be creative with this lesson – you may like to think of a different way to tell the story or have an activity that will demonstrate the lesson more clearly.*

*During the activity time the children have several choices – please encourage them to complete the main activity before they engage in other activities*

## Welcome

Welcome all the kids. Ask them to tell you what they most enjoyed about their week.

## Worship

We believe in and value worship at Northridge. The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for Kids Worship. Please come downstairs and join with the other children for Worship Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also. Feel free to speak to the kids worship team or the Facilitator if you have any questions.

## Recap & Introduction:

Sometime after Jesus was born, some special visitors came to see him. These visitors were called 'Magi.' However, they were also known by other names, such as wise men, or kings. Maybe you have heard the Christmas carol that goes "We three kings of orient are...?" Without a doubt these men were very wise, because they were searching for Jesus in order to worship him and give him gifts. That's definitely a wise thing to do! Today we're going to hear more about these very wise men, and we'll have a think together about how we can be like them by seeking Jesus and worshipping him too!

## Story:

Please see Page 3 for the story today.

## Activity:

### Craft activity: Star ornament!

#### Materials that you will need:

- Star template (2 stars)
- Ribbon
- Pencils/ textas
- Glue

#### Directions:

1. Decorate the two stars and cut them out.
2. Fold the tab under both of the stars.
3. Crease the interior lines of the stars so that the arms of the star puff up.
4. Put glue on the flaps and glue the two stars together (each flap should be glued to the inside of the other star).
5. Glue a short loop of string or yarn to one arm of the star.

## Lesson Review

- The memory verse for this week is:

*A friend loves at all times.*

*Proverbs 17:17*

Find a creative way to help the kids to learn this verse. You will need to explain what the verse means and how it applies to our lives.

- Noticeboard focus: Ask the children to tell you what they learnt about today then add the memory verse poster to the noticeboard (the card can be found in the folder in the leaders' resource spot).
- Give each child a memory verse card and tell them that if they can remember this verse next week they will get a sweet. (Memory verse cards are in the Leaders Resources spot) Please remember to do this as they are an important part of us connecting with the children's families.

## Wrap up:

- Have a leader or helper close in prayer.
- Make sure kids take their craft at the end of the lesson.
- Please ensure that they are signed out by a parent or guardian before they leave the room.
- Once all the children have left please assist us by making sure the room is tidy and ready for the next group. Please also make sure that the blue sign- in folder is returned to the kids table.

## Teaching: Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Wise Men worshipped!** *(Based on the NIV translation)*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, during the time when Herod was the king, a group of men came to Jerusalem from the East. They started to ask people where they could find the newborn king. They had seen a star in the sky and they know it was a sign that Jesus had been born, and they wanted to worship him.

When King Herod heard this, he was terrified. He called a meeting with all the chief teachers and priests, and asked them where the Messiah was meant to be born. "In Bethlehem," they told him.

"For this is what the prophet Micah wrote hundreds of years ago:

It's you, Bethlehem. Out of you will come a leader, who will rule over the people of Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi, and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. Herod sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search carefully for this child. As soon as you find him, come and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!"

The Magi left the king. Then the star appeared again. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place at the right time!

They went into the house, and saw Jesus in Mary's arms. Overcome with joy, they knelt and worshipped him. Then they opened their luggage, and gave him the presents they had brought: gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were very expensive gifts, gifts that you would normally give to a King, not to a baby!

God warned them in a dream not to go back to tell King Herod where the baby was. They left without being seen, and returned to their own country.

### **What has this got to do with me?**

**What do you do when you're lost?** Do any of you have 'Sat Nav' in your cars? Or maybe you have a map? Both these things are great when we don't know the way. The Magi were searching for Jesus and they didn't know the way. But this was 2000 years ago, and they didn't have cars, never mind 'Sat Nav,' and they didn't use a map either. God put a star in the sky to show them the way to Jesus.

**People can help you!** As well as following the star, another thing the Magi did was that they asked other people where to find the newborn king. They were wise and they knew that they needed a bit of help on their journey. Did you know that's what all of leaders are here for? If you have any questions at all about Jesus, just start to ask people here this morning. It doesn't mean you are silly for not knowing everything! It means that you are wise for trying to find out! We don't know the answers to everything, but we do know Jesus. He's our friend and we love him very much. We talk to him every day and because we know him, we can definitely talk to you how to meet with him this morning.

## **You are in the right place at the right time today!**

When the Magi finally found Jesus, they could barely take it in. Here they were, finally gazing at God's own son! They knew he was their King, so they brought gifts for him, and bowed down before him. They knew they were in the right place at the right time. Did you know that you are in the right place at the right time this morning? God's presence is here in this room, and he knew you were coming!

## **So what will you do? Is Jesus your King this Christmas?**

Will you bow down and worship him, like the Magi did? I wonder what our worship will look like right now if we are giving our best, if we are calling him our king and choosing to bow before him today.

## **Worship and prayer ministry.**

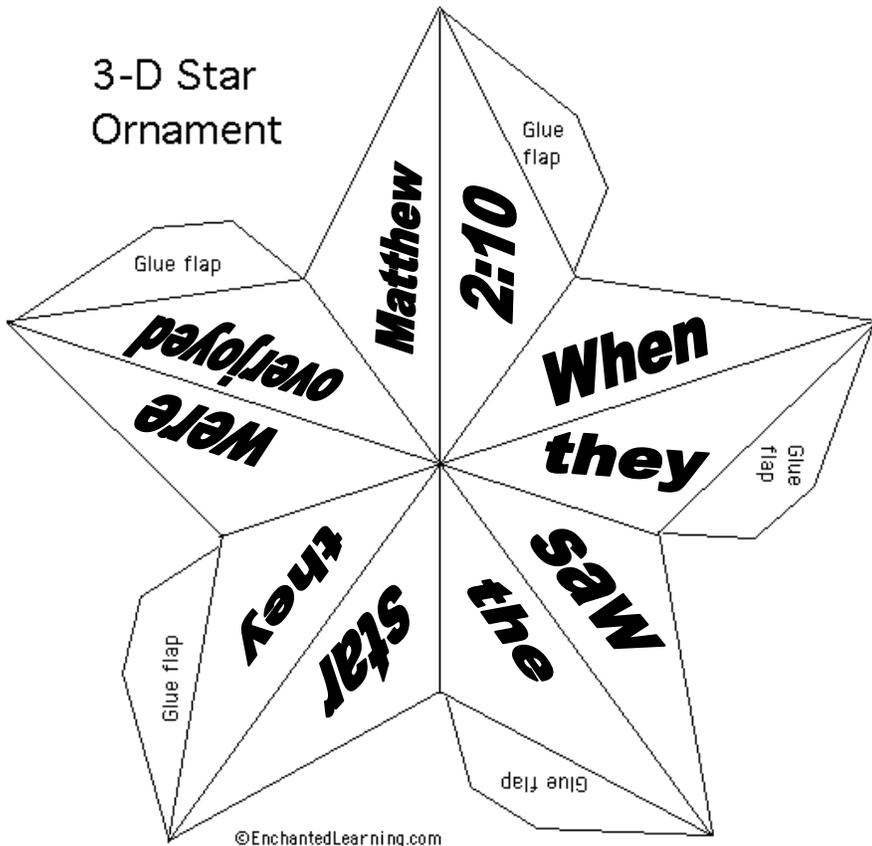
People are still looking for Jesus today. We don't need to go all the way to Bethlehem to look for him, because he isn't there now. Jesus is in heaven, getting a place ready for each of us, so we can live with him there one day if we want to. We don't need to follow a star to find him. In fact, we just need to talk to him and ask him to be with us and we don't have to look any further at all. Jesus is desperate for us all to love him and worship him right now, just like the shepherds and the wise men. So I'm going to pray that you'll feel him right now beside you and then we'll worship him together. Take time to worship in response.

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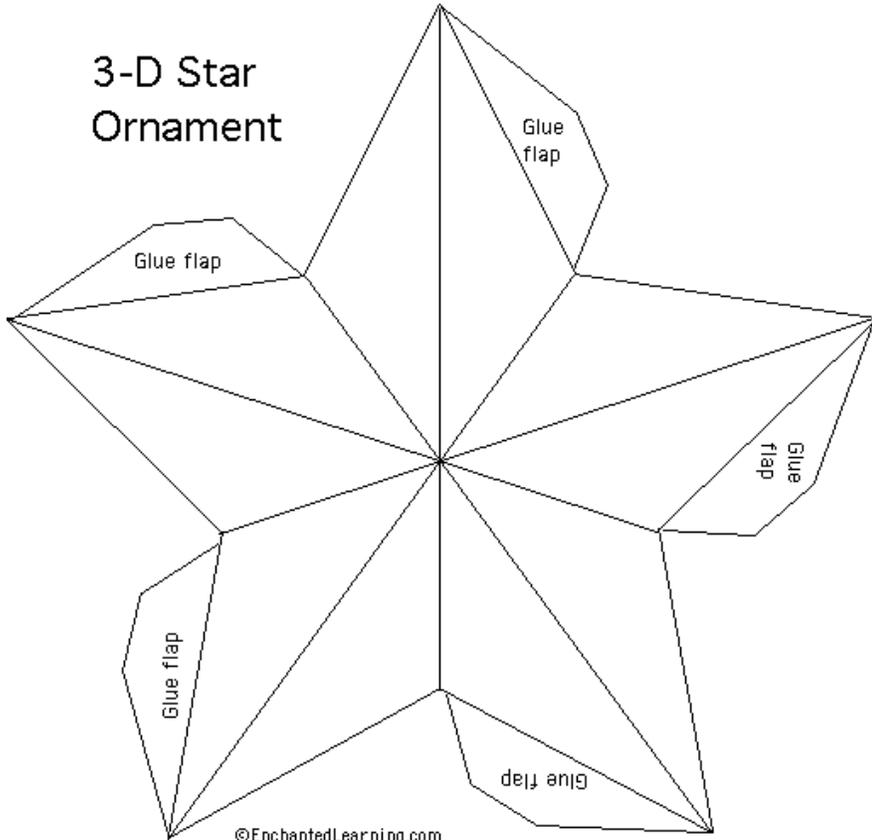
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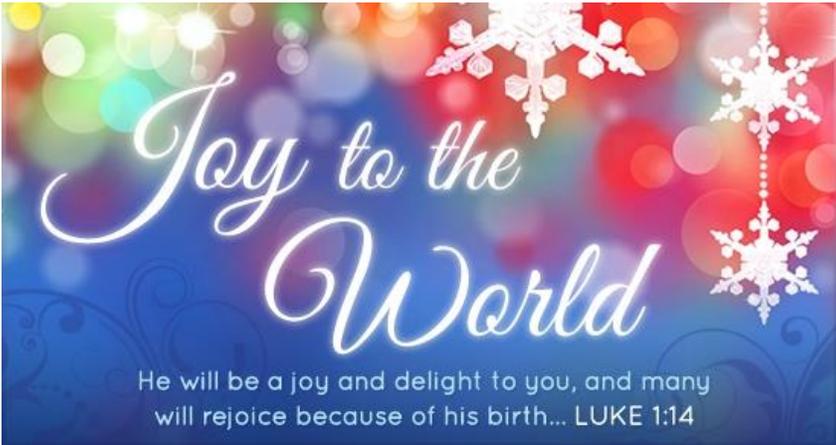


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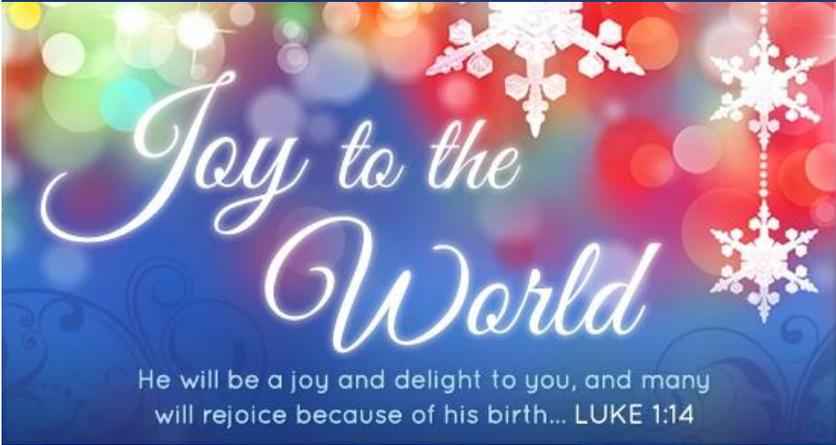


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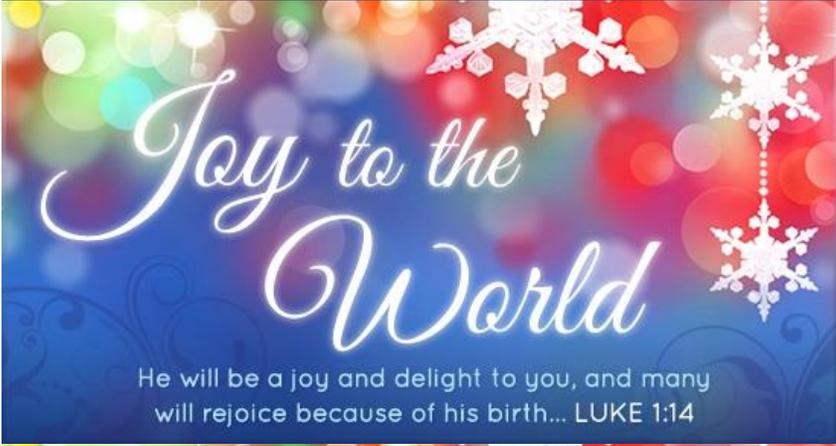
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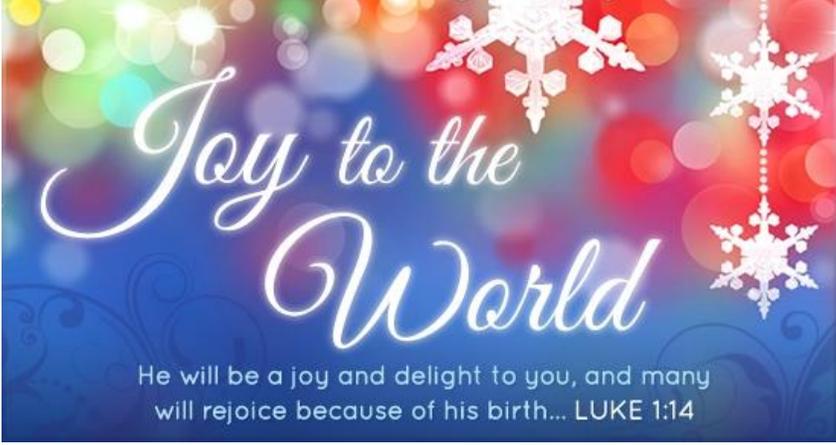
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# Leading Prayer in Kids Bizz

## Come Together:

Bring the children together in a circle. Ask if there is anything that they would like to pray for.

Some Questions you may ask to help them think:

- Is there something that you would like to praise God and thank him for this week?
- Are you sick or do you need healing?
- Have you hurt anyone or been hurt by something this week that you need to ask forgiveness for?

## Pray:

Pray together— there are two choices here:

They can pray for each other or they can pray for themselves (out loud).

### Praying for Each other:

If they would like someone else to pray for them ask the child to sit in the middle and for another child to pray for them (ask for volunteers). If both children are comfortable they can lay hands on as they pray.

### Praying for themselves:

If they would like to pray for themselves they can either sit in the middle or stay where they are. Ask them to pray in a loud voice so everyone can hear. We want them to be comfortable so be flexible and sensitive to the Child's needs.

Continue through the group until everyone has been prayed for.

## Listen:

Then take time to sit and listen to God and see if there is anything that He would like to say to the group. Ask each child to sit silently and listen to God. Explain that God may speak to them all in different ways, e.g. a picture, an idea a colour etc. Then after a minute ask if there is anything the children felt God was saying.

## Write:

If anyone has anything please write it in the *Kids Bizz Prayer Journal* with the date, service time and child's name. Then have a leader thank God for the lesson and any healings, words or pictures.