

# Discussion Guide

## THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Matthew 2 – Wise men

## TEACHING TRUTH:

Jesus is our perfect King

## READ: MATTHEW 2:1-12

**OPTIONAL:** "The King of All Kings" (pages 192-198) from [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL:

Matthew introduces us to a group of wise men who met two very different kings: Herod and Jesus. We first meet the wise men on their journey to try and find a newborn king. Along the way, they met the selfish King Herod who wanted to be the only one in charge. He was mean, prideful, and even tried to trick the wise men. Does that sound like a king you would want to follow?

After the wise men left King Herod, they traveled to meet a very different king, Jesus. He was not sitting in a fancy palace surrounded by servants following His every command. Instead, they found Jesus in a small house in a small town. The wise men had the right response when they met Jesus. They were filled with so much joy that they worshipped Him. Although they were important people themselves, they bowed down and presented Him with gifts fit for royalty. They knew that One greater than themselves had come.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, we have the opportunity to respond like the wise men. Jesus is a king unlike any other. He came to serve people and love them. He demonstrated the biggest act of love and service when He went to the cross to die for our sins so that we can be forgiven and part of God's family forever. Jesus rose again three days later and returned to Heaven. The Bible says that one day, Jesus will return to earth to rescue everyone who has trusted in Him and defeat Satan once and for all. Jesus will rule as the perfect King, and we will spend forever and ever and ever with Him. That is the good news we can celebrate not only on Christmas but each and every day.

## WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What did the wise men follow? *(A star)* Which king did they visit first? *(King Herod)*
2. What did the wise men do when they saw Jesus? *(They bowed down and worshiped him.)*
3. How is King Jesus different than King Herod? *(Herod was rich and selfish. Jesus was poor and came to serve.)*

## WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. Why did the wise men worship Jesus? *(They knew that Jesus was a very special king, the Messiah God promised.)*
2. What amazing thing did Jesus do to love and serve us? *(Jesus is God's Son but He came to earth to die on the cross so that everyone who trusts in Him can be saved from their sin and be with God forever.)*
3. Which king from our story would you want to follow? King Herod or King Jesus? Why?
4. What is one way can you worship Jesus today and thank Him for being your perfect King?