

- Men must have been amazed to learn this was the One promised thousands of years ago
- They must have been excited
- Think. God cared enough to put a special star in sky so they could know more about His Son
- This was the One the prophet Daniel had written about
- He had come from Heaven to be born of a virgin mother; that means He had no earthly father
- Joseph was told, “Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins”
- That meant Jesus would one day have to die on cross for our sins

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1 Cor. 15:3-4 - “. . . *how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day . . .*”

Wise Men Worshipping - Fig. MS9

- The Bible says, “They fell down and worshiped Him”; they must have known Jesus was the One
- Same Jesus loves you and wants to be your Saviour from sin

INVITATION

John 3:16 - “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever (if you) believeth in Him (trust Jesus as Saviour from sin) should not perish (will not go to place of punishment), but have everlasting life.*”

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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

CHALLENGE

- **Already received Jesus?**

**G - Go over MT
GOD WANTS YOU TO
KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM**

**R - Review PAS verse
Jer. 29:13** - “*And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.*” (M.V.)

O - Overview PAS examples

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- 2.
- 3.

W - Will you do it?

**CHRISTMAS
“The Message of a Star”
Matthew 2:1-11**

Lesson Title - Fig. MS1

- Camping trips were a lot of fun; Carla’s family loved mountains
- She & dad walked hand in hand under the star studded sky; “Must be a jillion stars out!”
- “I don’t know how many that is, but do you think you could tell if one was missing?” asked dad
- “Of course not,” said Carla, “Could anyone do that?”
- Dad, “Well, back in Bible times there were men who studied the stars carefully . . .
- . . . God wanted them to get a very special message by letting a new star appear”
- Carla, “Did they get the message?”; Dad said, “Oh yes, God knew they would notice it”
- Right now we are going to hear a story from the Bible about those men who saw a new star!

Wise Men - Fig. MS2

- These men lived in faraway Babylon; night after night the wise men looked into the sky
- They were trying to learn all they could about God’s universe
- Then, one night they saw it; the new star! It was seen in the direction of the land of the Jews
- Years before, many Jews had lived in Babylon; one of them, Daniel, wrote a lot about God
- The wise men of our story probably knew about Daniel’s writing and learned about God
- They probably wanted to know much more about God; do you want to know more?

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Man With Scroll - Fig. MS3

- They learned Daniel wrote of a Messiah who was to come
- Was this the meaning of star? It seemed as if God placed star in the sky just for them to see
- That is how much God cared for them; just like He cares for us

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- For the wise men to learn more meant a long trip to land of Jews
- Can you imagine how many things they would have to take for a trip of hundreds of miles?
(Repeat fig. MS2, wise men)
- Wise men, “Need lots of food . . . someone to cook . . . water”
- “We’ll need tents to sleep in . . . if we are going to see a king, we should have gifts for him”

Gifts - Fig. MS4

- They discussed the best gifts; decided on 3; frankincense (incense) gold, and . . .
- . . . myrrh, a rich perfume . . . these are gifts fit for a king!
- Finally, all was ready; they said goodbye; they might have said, “Don’t know when we’ll return”
- Would you have been willing to go to all that trouble just to learn more about God?

MT, PAS - GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM

Jeremiah 29:13 - “*And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.*” (M.V.)

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Men Traveling - Fig. MS5

- The Bible doesn’t tell us the number of wise men; we think 3 because of the three gifts
- Even so, many men would have been part of the caravan; camel drivers, baggage men, guards. . .
- Day after day they traveled; week after week; month after month
- Then, “Look, see in the distance . . . there is Jerusalem”
- There must have been great joy as they arrived; perhaps they stopped and changed clothes

Men in Rich Attire - Fig. MS6

- People stared as they entered Jerusalem; who are they?
- Then wise men asked a question

- “Where is He that is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the east & are come . . .”
- The King the wise men were talking about was *Jesus*, God’s only, sinless Son

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- King of the Jews? No one in Jerusalem had heard anything about a new king of the Jews
- The answer was always the same; “Herod is the king of the Jews, we know of no other”

Herod - Fig. MS7

- Then Herod heard the question; “Where is this King of Jews?”
- Herod was worried; he didn’t know what would happen if there were another king
- Herod, “Tell me, where is the Christ, promised One, born?”
- The leaders knew the answer; “In Bethlehem . . . One would come to rule over Israel”
- Herod, “Go to Bethlehem, search; when you find Him, tell me so I may worship Him”

- Anyone who knew Herod would have known he was lying; you and I can sometimes fool others

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Romans 3:10 - “. . . *There is none righteous, no, not one.*”

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(Repeat fig. MS6, wise men)

- Hurriedly they left palace and turned toward Bethlehem; they had 5 or 6 miles to go
- They were excited! “Look - the star . . . it’s moving!”
- So it was . . . moving in the direction of Bethlehem
- God had worked to make sure there was no mistake in their search for this special baby

Jesus With Mary - Fig. MS8

- Star stopped over one special house; reverently they entered, knowing it was end of their trip
- They carried expensive gifts; looking for King of Jews; they found Jesus, the Son of God!