

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson Passage—Matthew 2:1-9

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.  
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



### The Christ of Christmas—4



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

Why do people reject Jesus?

### LESSON RHYME

Q—Q—Quest

Following the star

Q—Q—Quest

Riding camels far

## Level 2—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Read the entire booklet to the child. Go back to the appropriate day, reread the content and have the child answer questions about it from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Include personal ideas and additional questions. Read and discuss the daily Bible verse if appropriate for the child. Have the child draw a picture related to the content.
- **Lesson Rhyme:** Read the **Lesson Rhyme** on the next page, saying the sound of the letter instead of its name. Point to each word as you read it. Discuss the meaning of the rhyme. Have the child trace the letter with a finger and say its sound. Practice with the child the signs that go along with the **Lesson Rhyme** (included below). Review and repeat the rhyme every day.
- **Concluding Lesson:** Complete the activities under **Concluding Lesson** at the back of the book.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson rhyme memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

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### **Lesson Rhyme Signs**

Q—Q	Make sign of Q	
Quest	Move sign of Q up and down across front of body	
Following the star	Put hand up at face level palm facing out and move across body, Wiggle fingers like twinkling star	
Q—Q—Quest	Same as above	
Riding camels far	Move hand palm down fingers curved in front of body like a car moving along a road	

## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: Where did the wise men live? What did the wise men see in the sky? How did they respond to seeing the star?

Day 2: What did the wise men think the star was showing? What did they decide to do?

Day 3: To what place did the star lead the wise men? Who was the king there? What did they ask the king? Why was the king puzzled? Why wasn't the baby at the king's palace?

Day 4: Where did the star come to rest? What did they find there? What did they do with their gifts?

Day 5: Why didn't the wise men go back to King Herod? What did King Herod want to do? Why would he want to do that? Who needs a Savior? Why?

Day 6: What can we learn from the wise men? What should the star at Christmas remind us of? Why is that important to remember?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: What did the wise men see in the sky? To what place did the star lead the wise men? Who was the king there? Where did the star come to rest? What did they do with their gifts? Why didn't the wise men go back to King Herod? What should the star at Christmas remind us of?

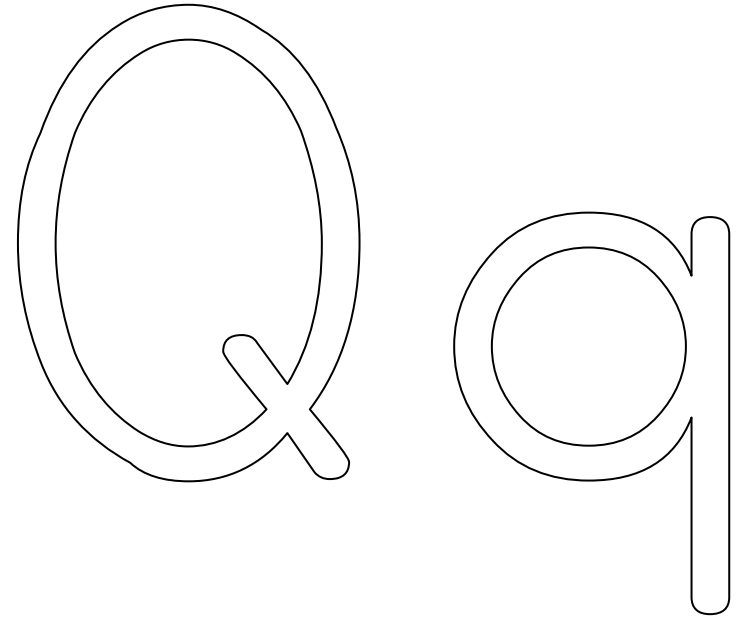
Prayer: Pray that you would have a heart like the wise men that seeks after Jesus. Pray that you would truly give your life to Jesus to follow him and that his light would be in your heart so you would do what is right.

Application: Think about someone who is in need that you can bless with a gift as the wise men blessed Jesus.

Dictation: Have the child dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson. Have the child repeat back the dictation, trace over the letters and draw a picture to go with it.

#Christmas 4

# What was the wise men's quest?



Q—Q—Quest

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## Day 1

Draw a picture of the wise men looking at the star.

Far away from Bethlehem,  
the town of Jesus' birth  
Some wise men looked up in the sky  
far above the earth.  
A bright unusual star  
in the sky was what was seen.  
They questioned and they wondered  
what that different star could mean.

## Day 6

Draw a picture of the star leading the wise men.

The wise men are remembered  
for the gifts that they did bring,  
Following a star  
on their quest to find the king.  
The star it should remind us  
that Jesus is our light,  
Cleansing us from sin,  
and making dark hearts right.

Numbers 24:17: <sup>17</sup> "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.

Revelation 22:16: <sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

## Day 5 Draw a picture of the wise men on camels.

In a dream God warned them  
to go home a different way,  
So Herod wouldn't know  
where the baby king did lay.  
Herod was quite evil,  
he would have killed the child.  
The Savior Herod needed  
was a baby meek and mild.

## Day 2 Draw a picture of wise men reading a scroll.

They studied ancient documents,  
they tried to understand  
What special thing did happen  
in some far off, foreign land.  
They thought the star was showing  
there was born a special king.  
They determined they should find him  
and royal gifts should bring.  
And so they started on their quest,  
riding camels far,  
Following the leading  
of that very special star.

Matthew 2:11-12: <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:4-5: <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written

### Day 3 Draw a picture of the wise men and King Herod.

The star hung over Judah  
so the king they stopped to see,  
Asking where the baby was,  
where they would find him be.  
King Herod was quite puzzled,  
there was no baby there  
So into the wise men's faces,  
he could only stare.  
He said to come back to him  
when they found the baby king.  
The place the baby lived  
was news that they should bring.

### Day 4 Draw a picture of the wise men and Jesus.

So once again the wise men  
looked up to the sky,  
And followed that unusual star  
shining down from high.  
Till over a small dwelling  
that star did come to rest,  
And Mary they did find there  
with Jesus at her chest.  
Their royal gifts they laid there,  
down upon the ground.  
Grateful that the one they sought  
they had finally found.

2 Peter 1:19:<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 2:9-10:<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.