

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

## Lesson Passage—Matthew 2:1-9

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

<sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

<sup>9</sup>When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young 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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

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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	Put hand up at face level palm facing out and move across body,	
the star	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?

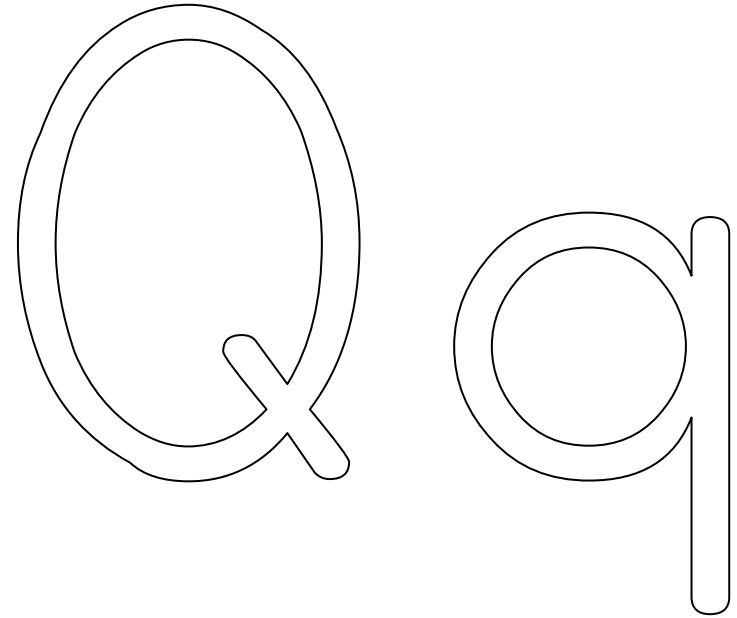
Prayer: Pray that you would have a heart like the wise men that seeks after Jesus. Pray that you would truly give your life to Jesus to follow him and that his light would be in your heart so you would do what is right.

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

Following the star

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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 24:17a: <sup>17</sup> "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

Revelation 22:16: <sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and 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> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:4-5: <sup>4</sup> And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

## 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> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Matthew 2:9-10: When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy .