

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, December 27, 2020

### First Sunday After Christmas Day



“Go and make careful search for the child”.

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Matthew 2: 1-12

#### **Activities and Background:**

In this scripture, we are told of how Herod summoned wisemen to seek out the baby Jesus that Herod “too may go and worship him.” But Herod has other motives. The wisemen find the baby, present gifts, worship and then leave going a different way rather than back to Herod. This baby already is changing people’s lives. In Christmas pageants and Nativity sets, the Wisemen are always present, baby Jesus was actually around 2- years of age when the Wisemen reach him. Traditionally three wisemen are represented. The only Biblical clue to that there were three gifts given. We do not really know how many wisemen there were. Sometimes called kings, these people really were learned men who knew how to interpret the signs of the sky.

1. Read the scripture story. Discuss what is happening in the story. What gifts were given? What guided the wisemen to Jesus? What would a baby do with those gifts? I wonder were Mary and Joseph put the gifts.
2. Young children enjoy making star shaped cookies and singing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”. Did the wisemen wonder what that star was?
3. Sing “This Little Light of Mine”. How can we be little stars which shine showing people to Jesus?
4. The Wisemen’s lives were changed. How does this story change your life?
5. Read the story again. Draw a picture to help you remember it.
6. End with a prayer.

*Help me to remember the story of the Wisemen and the Star.*

*Help me to be a light guiding others to Jesus.*

*Thank you, God, for changing the lives of the Wisemen.*

*Thank you, God, for changing my life.*

*Amen.*