



## **Follow the Star Dramatization**

(See Matthew 2:1-12)

This is a simple dramatization of the story of the wise men following the star to find the baby Lord and worship Him.

### **Preparation**

- Hide a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph and the baby Lord in the room or another room. (or display the attached picture of the Lord in a hidden place).
- Make a large star for the leader (parent or teacher) to carry.
- You may want to sing “We Three Kings” or have it playing in the background while you do this activity.

### **Introduce the story**

We are going to pretend to be the wise men, looking for the baby Lord. The wise men saw a special star and are following it. It is a long journey! But we can use camels to help us travel a long way.

First, the wise men come to Jerusalem. They ask King Herod to help them. He tells them to go look for the baby Lord in Bethlehem. The star leads the wise men to the Lord. When they see the Lord, they fall down to worship Him.

## Optional Narration and Ideas for Dramatization

1. *[Leader holds up a star]* “We are wise men who saw a special star in the East. It is a sign that the Lord has been born on earth!”
2. *[Carry the star and have children follow you.]* “We want to find the baby Lord, so we are following the star.
3. “We travel on our camels for a long time!” *[Pretend to ride a camel, swaying back and forth a little.]*
4. *[Stop in Jerusalem to ask King Herod where you can find the Lord.]* “The star leads us to Jerusalem. We ask King Herod where we can find the baby Lord. He tells us to go to Bethlehem.”
5. *[Keep walking, following the star and looking for the Lord in a nativity scene.]*
6. “The star leads us right to the Lord! *[NOW find the nativity scene.]*
7. “There’s the baby Lord! Do you see Him there with Mary and Joseph?” *[Gather around to see the baby Lord. You could also kneel down as the wise men worshiped the Lord when they found Him.]*
8. “What gifts did the wise men give to the Lord?” *[Let the children answer if they can: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Pretend to present gifts to the Lord.]*
9. “Can we give presents to the Lord? Yes. We can obey the Lord; we can believe that He will take care of us; and we can love Him.”

