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Lesson Plans by Laura Grace

Sunday, January 7, 2007
The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Activities

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/coloring_pages.htm

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webelieveweb.com

http://www.webelieveweb.com/home_proclaiming_faith.cfm?reading_id=29&language=eng&book=0

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calvarychapel.com

<http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/pdf/New/Curr170.pdf>

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The Wise Men lesson with memory verses, circle the correct words, true or false, fill in the blanks, puzzles, and color sheets.

kidsclub4jesus.com

http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/download_page.htm

Three Wise Men lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

paoc.org

http://www.paoc.org/ministries/Children/FKO/FKOArchive/Dec20_2002.html

Let Your Light Shine! Wise Men lesson with story, craft, and puzzles.

kidssundayschool.com

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist04.php>

Visit of the Magi: The Birth of Christ (Lesson 4)

msssbible.com

<http://msssbible.com/newtestament/wisemen.htm>

The Three Wise Men with tons of resources for illustrating the story, coloring pages/activity sheets, crafts, and songs.

dltk-bible.com

http://www.dltk-bible.com/guides/the_wise_men.htm

Wise Men lesson with take home sheet, coloring pages, crafts, Bible Story/Song Time, etc.

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_01-06-04.pdf

Activity sheets, coloring, puzzles, etc.

Coloring

sermons4kids.com

http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_colorpg.htm

Wise Men worship Jesus (Matthew 2)

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_01-02-05.pdf

Three Wise Men coloring pages.

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homeschooling.about.com

http://homeschooling.about.com/od/holidays/ss/nativityprint_8.htm

Three Wise Men

apples4theteacher.com

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/coloring-pages/christian-christmas/wisemen.html>

Wise Men

apples4theteacher.com

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/coloring-pages/christian-christmas/three-wisemen.html>

Three Wise Men

first-school.ws

http://www.first-school.ws/t/cp_bible/3wise_matthew2t.htm

Three Wise Men with Matthew 2.

christiananswers.net

<http://www.christiananswers.net/kids/chr-wisemen.pdf>

The Wise Men brought gifts for Jesus.

Crafts

kidsdomain.com

<http://kidsdomain.com/craft/popstar.html>

Paddle Pop Star craft- An easy and pretty star craft made out of paddle pop sticks (popsicle sticks), paint, and glitter.

kidsdomain.com

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/stars.html>

Sparkling Stars craft- Make sparkling stars to decorate your home.

kidsdomain.com

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/stardavidpops.html>

Star of David craft- A very simple star made out of 6 popsicle sticks.

kathyross.com

<http://www.kathyross.com/xmasproj.html>

Three Kings Banner- A cute and easy banner of the Three Wise Men. A sample craft from Kathy Ross' book: Crafts for Christmas, page 12 & 13.

mssscrafts.com

<http://www.mssscrafts.com/crafts/wisemen/>

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Wise Men Paper Craft

Purim Treat Holder- Cute craft to represent the Wise Men. (Crafts to make in the Winter by Kathy Ross, page 58 & 59).

Three Kings Hats- Three kings made out of cone shaped party hats. (Crafts from your favorite Bible Stories by Kathy Ross, page 40 & 41).

Potato Stars- Paint, glitter, and a potato can help make a beautiful night sky. Even though this comes from a preschool craft book, it is appropriate for older children to do. (Preschool Christian Crafts by Linda Standke, page 53).

Games

Introduce game: Who was searching for baby Jesus?

Wise Men Search

Need: Clothes pin to be baby Jesus.

Directions: One student is picked to be a Wise Man and steps out of the classroom. Another student is picked by the teacher to hide baby Jesus somewhere in the classroom. When baby Jesus is hidden, the Wise Man comes back into the room. He is to find baby Jesus by directions from the student that hid baby Jesus. These directions are: the star is not very bright if the Wise Man is far away, brighter if somewhat nearer, getting brighter if even closer, and VERY bright if very close. When the Wise Man finds the baby Jesus, the person that hid baby Jesus is now the Wise Man.

Finding Favor (Wise Men Find Jesus)- This game will help students identify how we pursue things that are important to us. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 68 & 69).

Puzzles

sermons4kids.com

http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_maze.htm

The Wise Men Search for Jesus maze.

homiliesbyemail.com

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http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_01-02-05.pdf

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silk.net

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/coloringclipart/Wise%20Men%20Wordsearch.pdf>

Wise Men word search.

silk.net

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/PDF/epiphany.pdf>

Epiphany crossword puzzle.

christiananswers.net

<http://christiananswers.net/kids/dot-star.pdf>

Star dot to dot

Wise Men Visit Jesus- Look at the pictures in the circles. Find the matching picture in the larger picture. Draw lines to connect the matching pictures. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 14).

Song

kididdles.com

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/w043.html>

We Three Kings Song- With lyrics and audio.