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### Here Come The Magi!

A star of wonder set these “wise men” on a journey to find the person whose birth it heralded.

Matthew 2:1-2, NIV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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.”

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### The Arrival Of A Rival!

The big old king is greatly agitated by talk of a new little king.

Matthew 2:3-4, NIV

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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.

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### Too Close For Comfort!

**Herod discovers from the Bible experts that the birthplace of the Messiah is only five miles from his palace!**

Matthew 2:5-6, NIV

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: '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.'"

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### Liar! Liar!

**Herod pretends that he wants to emulate the Magi when he really intends to eliminate the child!**

Matthew 2:7-8, NIV

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 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."

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### A Hovering Star!

**The Magi are guided right to the Bethlehem residence of Mary and Joseph, who were not expecting company like this!**

Matthew 2:9-10, NIV

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. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

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### They Have Found Him!

**These wise men humbly enter into the little King's presence—with presents!**

Matthew 2:11, NIV

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.

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### Tragedy Averted (For Now)

**God uses a dream instead of a star to guide the wise men back home without going by the palace.**

Matthew 2:12, NIV

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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### Timeless Wisdom From The Story Of The Wise Men

**1. King Jesus came to save people of every kind and from every nation!**

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**Timeless Wisdom From  
The Story Of The Wise Men**

- 1. King Jesus came to save people of every kind and from every nation!
- 2. Seekers become finders by obediently following the light they already have!

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**Timeless Wisdom From  
The Story Of The Wise Men**

- 3. God still uses "travel guides" to direct people to his Son!

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**Timeless Wisdom From  
The Story Of The Wise Men**

- 3. God still uses "travel guides" to direct people to his Son!
- 4. King Jesus deserves your worship too! What gifts are you giving HIM this year?

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