



BIG IDEA

Jesus is the king of kings.

GOD STORY

The Wise Men Visit Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

KEY VERSE

Jesus is the greatest king of all. (Paraphrased from Revelation 17:14)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Mary, Joseph, and Jesus picture
- Wall-safe tape
- Spot the Differences activity pages
- Star wand

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the picture of Jesus' family at one end of your space.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that there are 10 differences between the two activity pages.
- Compare the pages together and point out what is not the same in the pictures. Talk about the differences as they're found.
- Explain that the Wise Men follow a star to find Jesus in today's story from the Bible.
- Gather everyone as far away as possible from the picture of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.
- Hold up the star wand and play a game of Follow the Leader. Encourage the children to pretend they're the Wise Men following the star. Direct them to do everything you do (e.g., walk in a circle, hold up your hands, sit down and stand up, maneuver around furniture, etc.).
- Cheer when you arrive at the picture. Lead everyone to shout: **Jesus is the king of kings!**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Wall-safe tape
- (Optional) Green construction paper or small evergreen tree
- Circle cutouts
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- If you have not yet created a Christmas tree prayer wall, tape a tree outline on a wall, or, if you'd prefer, make one out of construction paper or even use a small tree!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the circle cutouts to make three new prayer ornaments to hang on the tree each week.
- Refer to the prayers printed on the circles as your family prays together.



4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Wise Men activity page
- Star stickers
- Colouring supplies (e.g., crayons, markers, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page and about 10 stickers.
- b. Set out the colouring supplies for them to share.
- c. Direct the children to stick the stars in the sky on the pictures and decorate their page as they wish.
- d. Chat about how the Wise Men followed the star to bring gifts to Jesus.
- e. Emphasize the Big Idea: **Jesus is the king of kings!**

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Wall-safe tape
- Chairs
- String
- Key Verse words
- Clothes pegs

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.
- Tie the string between two chairs and position them close to the sign.
- Mix up the Key Verse words and place them on one of the chairs.

TIP

- The string does not have to be tied to chairs—place it wherever works well in your space. You could choose an area where the Key Verse banner is left on display.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the Key Verse for this series (Revelation 17:14).
- b. Work together to put the words in order. Refer to the sign if needed.
- c. Use the clothes pegs to clip the words onto the string and create a banner.
- d. Read the completed verse out loud together.