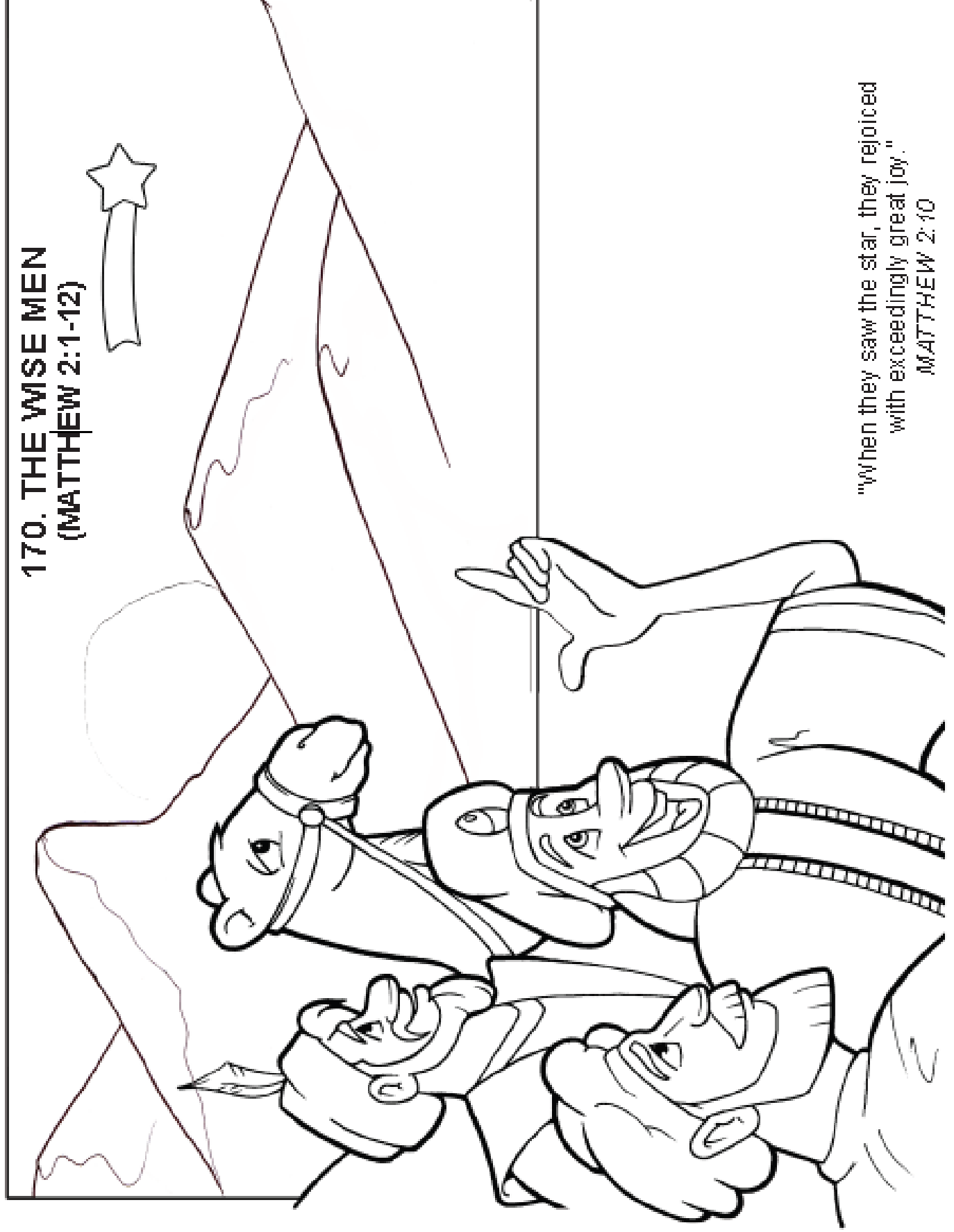


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 170: THE WISE MEN
MATTHEW 2:1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked people, "Where is the child who has been born to be the king of the Jews? We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, it upset him as well as everyone else in Jerusalem. Herod called a meeting of all the leading Jewish priests and teachers of the law. He asked them where the Messiah would be born. They answered, "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea, just as the prophet wrote: 'Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are important among the rulers of Judah. Yes, a ruler will come from you, and that ruler will lead Israel, my people.'" Then Herod had a private meeting with the wise men from the east. He learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. Then he sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me. Then I can go worship him too." After the wise men heard the king, they left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east, and they followed it. The star went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. They were very happy and excited to see the star. The wise men came to the house where the child was with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country a different way.

**170. THE WISE MEN
(MATTHEW 2:1-12)**



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MEMORY VERSE:

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” Matthew 2:10

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea around the time Herod was king.
2. Three wise men came from America looking for the King of the Jews.
3. When Herod the king heard all the things the wise men said, he was very happy, and all of Jerusalem was too.
4. Herod asked the Jewish priests and the teachers of the law where the Messiah was supposed to be born.
5. They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea, just like the prophet wrote.

Questions

1. What did King Herod tell the wise men to go and do?
2. Do you think King Herod was really going to go and worship Jesus?
3. When the wise men followed the star, did they find Jesus?
4. What kind of presents did they bring for Him?
5. Did they go back and tell King Herod where they found the baby Jesus and His mother Mary? Why not?

Lesson 170 Activity

Faith Walk

Divide your class into groups of two. Have one of the children close his eyes (a blindfold will make this activity even more fun).

Have the seeing child guide the blindfolded child through an obstacle course. You can set this up by placing objects around the room or by laying tape down in an interesting pattern. When the blindfolded children have completed the course, have them trade places with the seeing child. Explain to the children, living by faith is like trusting the partner that is able to see. You have to trust where they will lead you. When we walk by faith, we need to trust in our heavenly Father to lead us.

Talk about what it was like to be led around the room without sight from the beginning of the class. Did the children trust the person who was leading them?

Explain that [the just will live by faith](#) in relation to the game that was played.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer. Pray for the faith to live life according to the word of God, to trust Him in every area of life. If there is someone who has never placed their faith in Jesus Christ give them opportunity to do so.