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Teacher NotesLesson
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Worshiped and Threatened

Get Into the Bible**Read Your Bible – Matthew 2:1-18**

Put your initials on the line when you have finished reading the passage. _____

Complete the sentence.

1. The chief priests and _____ scribes _____ knew _____ Christ _____ would be born in _____ Bethlehem _____ because an Old Testament prophecy said that out of it would come a _____ Governor _____ to "rule my people _____ Israel _____."

Vocabulary Words

 **frankincense** (fran' kən sens): a type of incense made from the sap of trees, making a pleasing smell when burned

 **myrrh** (mər): the fragrant sap of several kinds of trees, used for embalming dead bodies

ANALYZE THE READING

There are many things we don't know about the first Christmas: Did Mary really travel on a donkey to Bethlehem? Did the angels sing their messages? Was Jesus born at midnight? Was it clear or cloudy? Did the shepherds see a bright star? Did Mary sing a lullaby? Were there truly three wise men? Did they travel on camels and come from the Orient?

We do know joy and worship accompanied Christ's birth. After the birth of Jesus, shepherds came immediately to worship Him. Forty days later, Simeon and Anna rejoiced that they could see the Messiah.

In today's lesson you will read about another group who worshiped Christ soon after He was

The Wise Men

Usually pictures show three wise men worshipping Jesus. But the Bible does not say how many men came from the East to find the Baby. Most likely they came from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were probably either philosophers or priests. They might have even studied astrology, something of which God does not approve. Regardless of their background, God used them in a special way to worship His Son and to spread the news of His birth to another area when they returned home.

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- Joseph, Mary, and Jesus stayed in Egypt until Joseph heard from God again, fulfilling a prophecy in Hosea 11:1.

TEACHING THE CLASS

Introduce the Lesson

- Explain that the wise men (Magi) from the East could have been philosophers or priests who likely studied astrology. Astrologers claimed to be able to predict coming events by looking at the positions of the constellations. They believed that if you were born when a

certain constellation was in a certain place in the sky at a certain time, it meant you were a certain kind of person and that certain life events would happen to you. Present-day astrologers believe the same falsehoods. Many newspapers carry a column in which an astrologer says what you should or should not do, depending on what time of the year you were born.

Show pictures of the signs of the zodiac. These are the same constellations the wise men saw in the Eastern sky at the time of Jesus' birth. From ancient times, the Eastern

peoples believed that a world leader would one day rise in Judea. Perhaps that belief started when the prophet Daniel and many other Jews lived as captives in Babylon.

The Magi knew the night skies so well that they easily spotted the new star. They knew the star signified that the King of the Jews had been born. Of course God caused the star to appear to these wise men when Jesus was born far away in Bethlehem. The Magi believed that this King was someone special, so they prepared some gifts and set out on the long journey to find and honor Him.

The magi were not Jews. Did the Jews have any prophecies about stars? Yes, they did. Hundreds of years before Christ's time, the prophet Balaam had predicted that a Star would come out of Jacob and a Scepter would rise out of Israel (Numbers 24:17). Perhaps Matthew had this prophecy in mind.

LESSON PLAN

Teach the following, asking students to read the appropriate verses from Matthew 2:

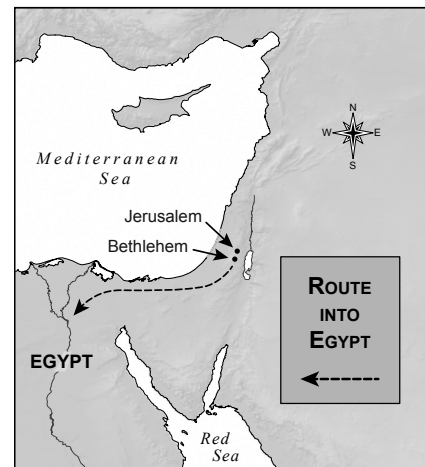
- (vv. 1, 2) All Jews looked for the Messiah, but no one in Jerusalem had heard of His birth, which had occurred possibly a year earlier. Discuss what may have happened to the shepherds' report that Christ the Lord had been

born—the wise men. These men had come from the East, following an unusual star that had appeared in the western sky. Evidently, they understood that this particular star announced the birth of a king. Coming to Jerusalem, they asked King Herod where the new king of the Jews had been born. They explained that they wished to worship the newborn king. After consulting with the Jewish leaders, Herod told the wise men the king would be born in Bethlehem. The wise men departed, following the star toward Bethlehem.

This time the star led them to the house where Jesus was. There they worshiped the Baby and gave Him gifts of royal significance: gold, **frankincense**, and **myrrh**. Kings often received gold from their subjects, and worshipers burned frankincense to honor God. Myrrh was one of the main ingredients in the holy anointing oil used in the tabernacle. Mourners often treated dead bodies with myrrh. It is interesting to note that myrrh was used to anoint Jesus' body after His death.

Herod was not happy about the birth of Jesus. He jealously worried that this baby might be the rightful king of Israel who would, in time, take the throne from Herod. Herod, an Idumean (i' dyū mē' ən) from south of Judea, had been appointed to his throne by the Romans. The Idumeans' forefather, Esau, had rejected God's blessing. Consequently, the Jews had ruled over the Idumeans. Now that an Idumean finally controlled Israel, he did not intend to be overthrown by a Jewish upstart. Like so many others, Herod assumed that Jesus had come to reign over a physical kingdom instead of a spiritual one.

Wicked, cruel Herod had been reigning for many years by the time Jesus was born. He considered immediately how he might preserve his throne by killing the newborn king. Telling the



wise men he wanted to worship the baby himself, Herod asked them to return and report where they had found the child. However, the wise men were warned by an angel in a dream not to go back to Herod. They did not return to Jerusalem, but made their way home by another route.

Frightened and furious, Herod ordered his men to kill all the male children in Bethlehem two years old and under. This terrible crime fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy. Jeremiah 31:15 had said that there would be a time of great mourning for "Rachel's children"—that is, the children in the region around Bethlehem.

But God was already at work even in this tragedy. In a dream, He had told Joseph to take his family to Egypt that they might escape the destruction of the children of Bethlehem. So Jesus escaped Herod's wrath. Joseph, Mary, and their son stayed in Egypt until Joseph again heard from God. Then a prophecy in Hosea 11:1 would be fulfilled that said God's Son would be called out of Egypt.

born in the city of David.

- (vv. 3-6) History tells us that Herod the Great was heartless, insecure, and impulsive, killing anyone—sons, wives, relatives—whom he imagined was working against him. No wonder he was troubled at the report of the birth of the King of the Jews. And no wonder all Jerusalem was troubled. Who could predict what their cruel king would take a notion to do?

Herod's asking where "the Christ" should be born showed he knew this baby was the "Anointed One" sent by God. Yet he plotted to kill Him.

Lesson 2

LIFE OF CHRIST

Answer the question.

2. Why was Herod jealous of Jesus? He was afraid Jesus would take the throne from him.

Circle the letter of the best answer.

3. Why was Herod's jealousy unnecessary?
- A. Jesus would not be a better King than he.
 - B. Herod was an Idumean who could not be ruled by the Jews.
 - C. Prophets spoke of a governor who would save the Jews, not a king.
 - ☒ D. Jesus would not reign over an earthly kingdom, but a spiritual one.

Write the answer.

4. Write the reference and a brief explanation of the prophecy Herod's violence fulfilled.
Jeremiah 31:15 had said there would be mourning for the children around Bethlehem.
5. A. What warning was given to the wise men in a dream? They were warned not to go back to Herod.
- B. What did God tell Joseph in a dream? Joseph was told to take Mary and Jesus and go to Egypt.
6. Write the reference and a brief explanation of the prophecy fulfilled by Joseph, Mary, and Jesus going to Egypt. Hosea 11:1 said that God's Son would be called out of Egypt.

Number the events in the order they happened.

7. 6 Joseph took his family and went to Egypt.
- 3 Herod told the wise men to bring him word of where they found Christ.
- 2 Herod asked the Jewish leaders where Christ would be born.
- 1 The wise men came to Jerusalem and asked about a baby king.
- 7 Herod had all the small boys in and around Bethlehem killed.
- 4 The star led the wise men to the house where Jesus was.
- 5 The wise men went home another way.

Teacher Tip

Page 8, Exercise 2: Help students understand how the idea of someone usurping Herod's privileged position must have unnerved him. Herod was only part-Jew and this new baby was born into a legitimate Jewish family for the purpose of becoming king!



Information about Herod the Great.

- (vv. 7, 8) Herod kept his evil plan secret, lest the people hear of it and word should reach the parents of the Child. He must have thought he could fool these foreign astrologers. They did not seem to suspect a thing.
- (vv. 9-11) The star which the Magi had seen in the East appeared again, filling them with joy. Now they did not have to hunt for the Baby, for the star indicated the very house where He lived.

It must not have looked like the home of a

future King. What they saw were poor parents of an ordinary-looking toddler. But the wise men knew this Child was the King of the Jews. And not only of the Jews, for these Gentiles fell down and worshiped Him as their king, and gave the gifts they had brought.

- (vv. 12-15) Two dreams, two simple commands, two sets of obedient people, two journeys. The wise men and Joseph with his little family left that night in two different directions. How easy it was for God to thwart Herod's clever plot!

THINK IT THROUGH

Exercise 13 has more than three answers. Challenge your students to list orally all the people who honored Jesus after He was born. Discuss the correct answers to Exercise 14.

Concluding emphasis. God did not tell the wise men why they should not return to Herod. But He did tell Joseph why he should go to Egypt. In both cases, something serious would have happened if they had disobeyed.

The Lord may or may not explain why He wants us to do certain things. However, we know that disobedience always results in serious consequences.

BIBLE MEMORY

Read the verse in unison. Then have students recite it, alternating phrases between boys and girls, or between students and teacher.

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION

For centuries the Jews had longed for the promised Messiah. Why, then, did not the scribes and priests rush to Bethlehem to see the newborn King of the Jews, when they learned He had finally come?

- *Although the Bible does not answer this question, we can be sure those men knew the ruthless Herod would be jealous if another king came on the scene. When he called them together, demanding where Christ should be born, they must have suspected what he*

Lesson 2

Match the gift with its description.

8. B gold
9. A frankincense
10. C myrrh

- A. an incense burned to honor God
- B. given to kings by their subjects
- C. an ingredient in anointing oil; also used to prepare bodies for burial

BIBLE MEMORY

Write the memory verse, including its reference.

11. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

List the five names given for Jesus in the memory verse.

12. A. Wonderful
- B. Counsellor
- C. The mighty God
- D. The everlasting Father
- E. The Prince of Peace

THINK IT THROUGH

Complete the exercises.

13. List at least three people or groups you have read about who honored Jesus after He was born. Any three
 - A. Simeon, Anna
 - B. the shepherds, the angels
 - C. the wise men
14. Circle the letters of two ways in which the above people's actions were similar.
 - ☒ A. They rejoiced, and recognized Jesus was no ordinary baby.
 - B. They did not mention the birth of Jesus to anyone.
 - C. They brought gifts.
 - ☒ D. They worshiped and glorified God.

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HEROD THE GREAT

Herod the Great became governor over Galilee as a young man. He was successful in ridding his domain of bands of plunderers and even more successful in raising taxes for the Romans. He quickly gained more power at court and eventually was appointed by the Roman government to be king of Judea. In his desire to please Rome and to keep his position, he committed horrible crimes. Yet he wished to find favor with the Jews. One of Herod's achievements was the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.

Teacher Notes

Lesson 2

REVIEW

Each statement below has one false section. On the first blank, write the letter of the section that is false. On the longer blank, rewrite the false section correctly.

15. D Simeon said that by sending a Saviour, God had kept His promise to the Greeks and Gentiles.
 A B C D
 to the Gentiles and the people of Israel
16. C The name *Jesus* means "Saviour" or "he who brings peace."
 A B C
 or "salvation of the Lord"
17. D Jesus' parents took Him to the temple at Jerusalem to visit Simeon and Anna.
 A B C D
 to offer sacrifices
18. A Elisabeth was a prophetess who served God night and day in the temple.
 A B C D
 Anna
19. C Jesus received His name according to Jewish custom when He was forty days old.
 A B C
 when he was eight days old
20. D Simeon and Anna rejoiced to see Jesus because He was Joseph and Mary's firstborn.
 A B C D
 because He was the promised Messiah

Use the sample concordance entry to answer the questions.

Concordance Excerpt

Simeon (*sim'-e-un*) See also SHIMEON; SIMEONITES; SIMON
 Ge 29:33 also: and she called his name S. 8095

21. What are other names similar to Simeon? Shimeon, Simeonites, Simon
22. What does the non-italicized number 8095 tell you? Go to the back of the concordance to the Hebrew section.

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intended to do when he found the Baby. Perhaps they feared what would happen to them if Herod suspected they were interested in another king of the Jews.

✎ ASSIGN LESSON 2 IN THE LIGHTUNIT

FOR DEEPER DISCUSSION

Joseph fled to Egypt to save Baby Jesus from Herod. When Jesus became a man, why did He not flee to save His life from the Jewish rulers?

- *He knew that His death was necessary to fulfill the Scriptures and complete God's plan of salvation.*