

The Wisemen

Matthew 2:1-12

Grades 4,5

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - cups of water, towels, goggles, large star to mark the finish line, red, green and blue pieces of paper

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Ask anyone if they have any prayer requests and pray together.

- Our memory verse for the month is Romans 8:37. Play this video while singing along, or have a little dance party. <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/60215/more-than-conquerors>

- Have a camel race with the kids.
- Ask the older kids to pair up with the younger kids. The older kid will be a camel and the younger one will be a wiseman. The wiseman will have to ride the camel throughout this race.
- Have all the kids start at the same point and mark the finish line with a big star. Between the start and finish line have a water station (with cups of water), sleeping station (with towels) and sand storm station (with goggles).
- Before the race begins talk the kids through each of the stations, at the water station the wiseman needs to get off their camel and feed them the whole cup of water, in the sleeping station the camel needs to lie down while the wiseman counts to 25, in the sand storm station, the wiseman needs to get off the camel, grab a pair of goggles and put them on their camel for the rest of the journey.
- Let everyone line up and yell go, at any point in the race yell out water station, sand storm or sleep station and let the fun begin.

- Let's watch these video together - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk1LhnqROCM&index=54&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws&t=0s

- Give each of the kids three small pieces of paper, red, green and blue. Play this video and let them hold up the piece of paper that shows the answer. Make sure someone reads out the questions and the choices of answers for those who don't know how to read.

- <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-church-videos/62579/bible-quiz-herod-and-the-wisemen>

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - Bible, bell or noise maker

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

- Read Matthew 2:1-12 in the bible

- Break the group into two teams and put a bell in the middle. Ask the groups the following questions and have a race to see who answers the questions first...
- Who are Jesus parents? (Mary and Joseph)
- Where was Jesus born? (Bethlehem)
- What is the name of the King who ruled Judea? (King Herod)
- What did the wisemen ask King Herod? (where is the newborn king of the Jews?)
- How did King Herod feel about another king being born in Judea? (angry)
- Where was the king of the Jews to be born? (Bethlehem)
- How did King Herod try to trick the wisemen? (he lied and asked them to come and tell him about the Jesus when they found him)
- What did king Herod want to do to Jesus? (get rid of him)
- How did the wisemen feel when they saw Jesus? (full of joy)
- What did the wisemen give Jesus (gold, frankincense and myrrh)

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed -

- Ask the kids about presents? What is the best present they could think about getting? What is the best present they could give to someone else?

- Talk about the wise men giving Jesus the best gifts they could find. What could we give Jesus? What is the best thing that we could give Him?

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - Romans 8:37 We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. What can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus?

- Watch this video and let the kids do the actions that are shown on the screen <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/60215/more-than-conquerors>
- play a game where all the kids sit or stand in a circle, each kid can say one or two words of the memory verse, the kid who says the last word of the memory verse is out. Keep going until there is a winner.

