

The Wisemen

Matthew 2:1-12

Kindergarten and Grade 1

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 - Jesus Storybook Bible, Star trail that will lead to baby Jesus sleeping in a manger

- 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 "King of all Kings" in "The Jesus Storybook Bible"
- Ask the kids "What was your favourite part of the story?"
- Have a treasure hunt all set up for the kids (a line of stars leading to baby Jesus). Let the kids follow the star and tell them that there is a great prize for them at the end.
- When you get to the end, ask them if they liked the prize? How is baby Jesus the best thing that we can get?

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 to the actions that are shown on the screen <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/60215/more-than-conquerors>
- Do this verse as a chant. You say "We are more than conquerors" and have the kids say "through him who loved us".
- Continue doing this chant, say it really quietly, loud, while jumping up and down, laying down, standing on one foot etc.