

WISE MEN WORSHIPED JESUS

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 4

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

As a famous 80s TV show character would say, “I love it when a plan comes together.” In Matthew 2, we see God’s plan coming together. Even if the wise men did not realize they were a part of the plan, God used them to help fulfill His plan to redeem the lost world.

Throughout the Old Testament, God calls on His people to display the glory of Yahweh to the world. In Genesis 12, the Lord tells Abram all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. In Exodus, God performs miracles to show that Yahweh is the one true God. In Isaiah 56, the Lord declares He will bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, where they will rejoice. He says in verse 7, “my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Over and over again, God calls on His people to be an example to the world so that the nations might come to know Him.

So it should be no surprise that when God sends Jesus, a group of wise men from a foreign land are among the first to receive the news of a newborn King. Jesus came to save not just one group of people or one nation. He came for all humanity.

Jesus reiterated His call to the nations throughout His ministry and as He was preparing to ascend back to the Father. He declared that we are to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. How are you personally involved in God’s plan to reach the nations?

As you pray this week, talk to God about the ways you would like to be involved in reaching the nations. Ask Him to provide opportunities for you to participate in His ultimate plan.

TEACHER TIP

Care for a baby’s physical needs promptly, including diaper changes and feedings.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

LIFE POINT

People knew Jesus was special.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Matthew 2:1-12

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:1

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