

Family Page



We have talked about how the Wise Men followed their star to find the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Those who help to lead us to hear God's call can be thought of as our own personal stars. While the children are small, parents must be their main stars, their primary guides to their future vocations.



Have a family meeting to talk about this idea. Ask the children to tell you who they think have been their stars so far.

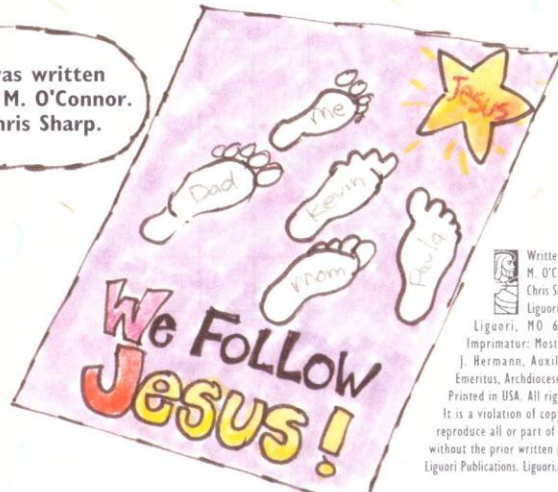
Discuss your own choice of a vocation with the children, why you chose marriage and family and who inspired you in your decision.

Talk about how each of you can be stars for others, helping to lead them to faith by telling them about Jesus and the Christian way.

The whole family can work together to make a WE FOLLOW JESUS poster, using a large piece of poster paper or a flattened-out grocery sack. Have each member trace his or her feet on the poster (see illustration). The footprints can lead to a large star in the corner. Write JESUS in the center of the star.

Your poster will remind you that you are trying to be a good Jesus example for others to follow.

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explaining GOD'S WORD

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Where is the newborn king of the Jews?



The Wise Men are following the star in answer to God's call. Can you help them find Jesus?

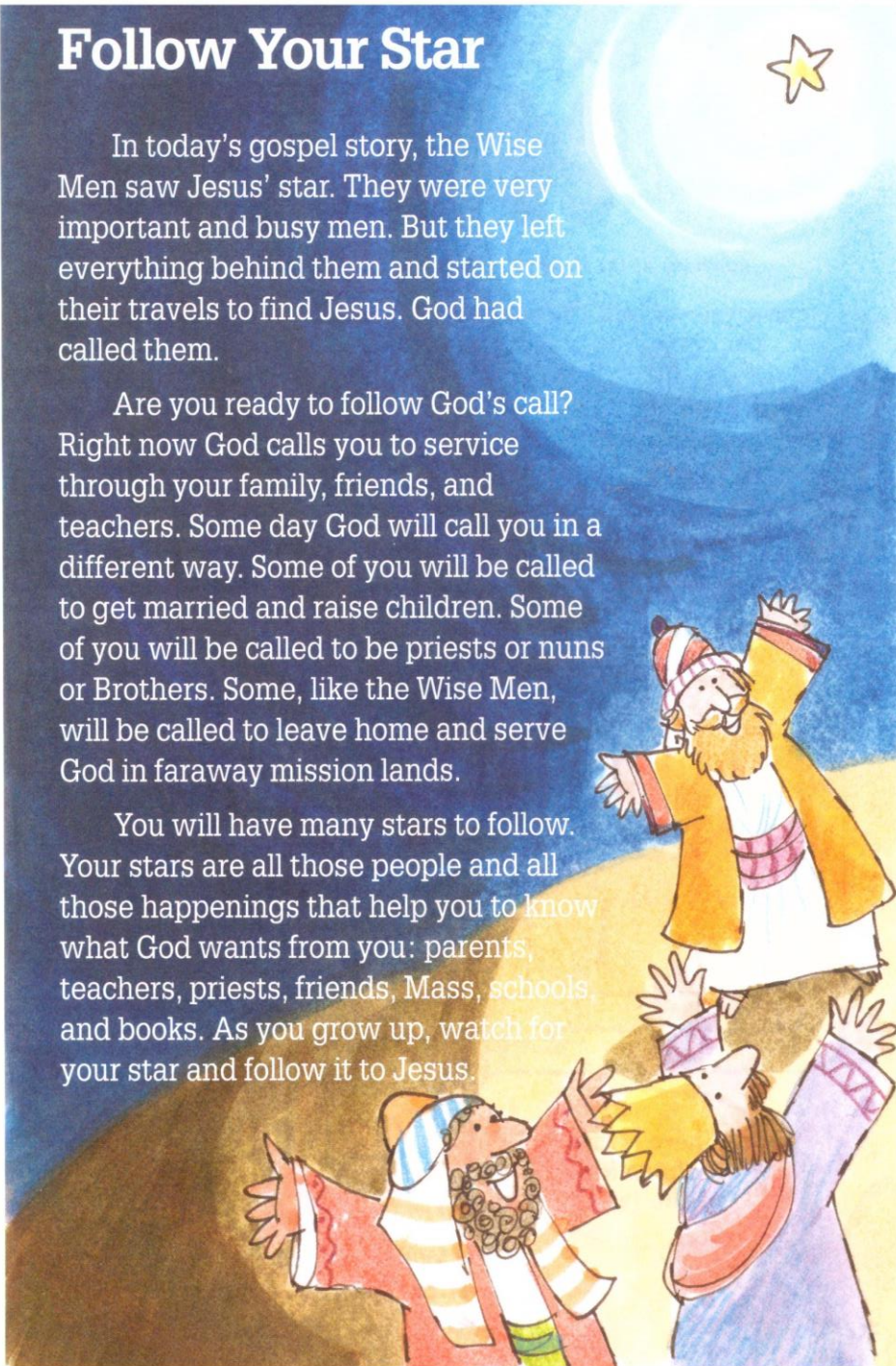
Follow Your Star



In today's gospel story, the Wise Men saw Jesus' star. They were very important and busy men. But they left everything behind them and started on their travels to find Jesus. God had called them.

Are you ready to follow God's call? Right now God calls you to service through your family, friends, and teachers. Some day God will call you in a different way. Some of you will be called to get married and raise children. Some of you will be called to be priests or nuns or Brothers. Some, like the Wise Men, will be called to leave home and serve God in faraway mission lands.

You will have many stars to follow. Your stars are all those people and all those happenings that help you to know what God wants from you: parents, teachers, priests, friends, Mass, schools, and books. As you grow up, watch for your star and follow it to Jesus.



Gospel Crossword

Here are some words from today's gospel. Fill in the blanks of the crossword according to the numbers.

ACROSS:

- 1. MYRRH
- 3. FRANKINCENSE
- 7. BABY
- 9. ASTROLOGERS
- 11. GIFT
- 12. HEROD
- 13. STAR

DOWN:

- 1. MARY
- 2. JEWS
- 4. NEWBORN KING
- 5. HOMAGE
- 6. BETHLEHEM
- 8. GOLD
- 10. JUDEA

