

Family Page

To celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany in a fun way, here is a little play the whole family can act out.



CAST: Narrator; Three Wise Men; King Herod; Chief priest; Mary; Baby Jesus (a doll will do nicely).

(The Holy Family should be in a room apart from where the play begins.)

Narrator: After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, Wise Men from the East arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring:

First Wise Man: Where is the newborn king? We saw his star and have come to pay him homage.

Narrator: King Herod was upset when he heard this. He called his chief priest.

Herod: Where is this new king to be born?

Chief priest: In Bethlehem of Judea, according to the prophets.

Herod: Go to Bethlehem. When you find the child, report to me so I may go and see him too.

Narrator: Of course, Herod was lying. He really wanted to hurt the Baby Jesus because he was jealous of him.

(The Wise Men move toward the room where Jesus is.)

First Wise Man: Look, the star has stopped over that house.

Second Wise Man: That must be where the child is.

Third Wise Man: Let's go in and see him.

Narrator: On entering the house, they found the child with Mary his mother. They knelt before him and presented him with gifts.

First Wise Man: What a beautiful baby. Here is my gift of gold for him.

Second Wise Man: And I give him the sweet fragrance of frankincense.

Third Wise Man: And I give him myrrh. Come, we must get some rest for our long journey home.

(The Wise Men leave and find a place to lie down.)

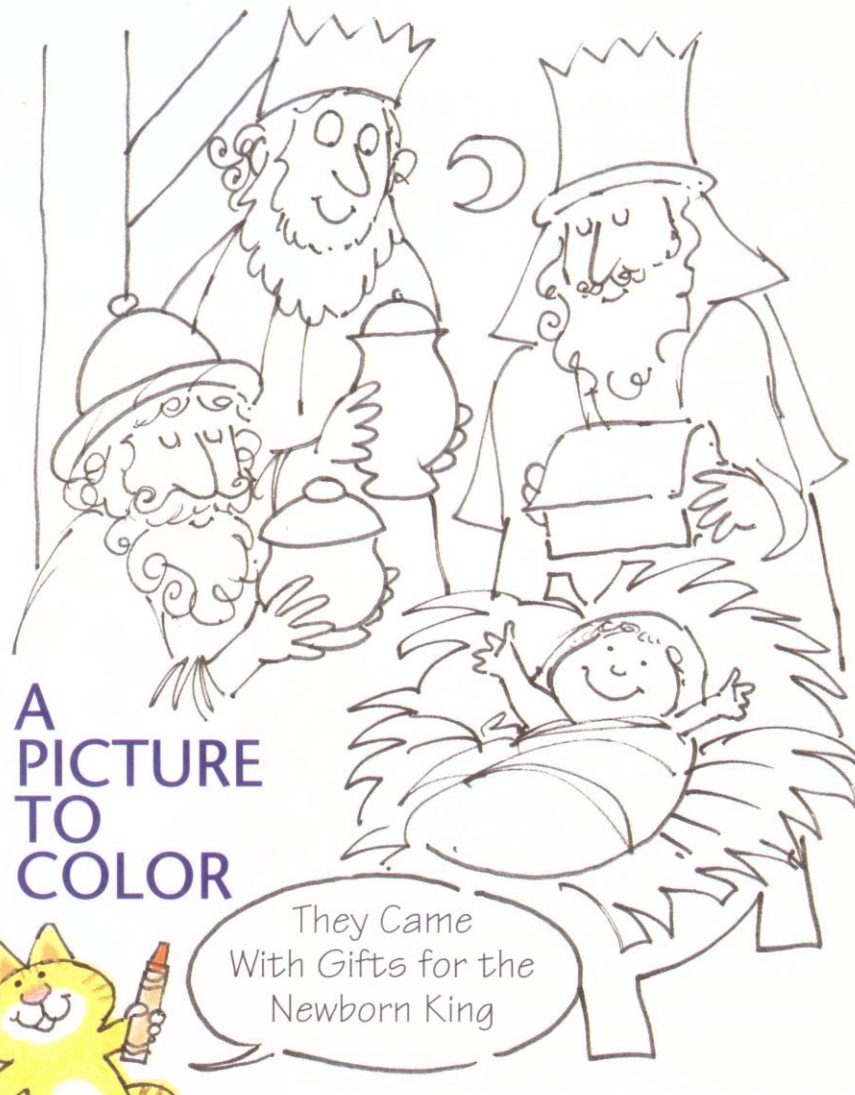
Narrator: That night an angel appeared to the Wise Men and told them not to return to Herod. So they went back to their own country by another route.

(The Wise Men slowly begin their journey home, carefully avoiding the place where Herod is.)



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Wish on a Star

The three Wise Men in today's gospel story followed the bright star that twinkled in the dark sky.

They traveled many, many miles even though they did not know where they were going. At the end of their journey, they found Jesus — and they were so happy!

If you could make a wish on a bright and shining star, what would you wish for? Would you wish for nice clothes? money to spend? lots and lots of toys?

Toys and money and nice clothes all last for a little while and then they wear out or break or get too small.

There's one thing you can wish for that will always make you happy and will last for all time. Jesus came to teach you all about it. Can you guess what it is?



The ONE WISH — the BEST WISH — the JESUS WISH — is LOVE! This the Wise Men knew and now so do you. LOVE is the secret of happiness for it *always* leads to Jesus.

Love Stars

The Wise Men followed a star to find Jesus. You can be a star for others to follow. They brought gifts to show their love for the newborn King. Unscramble the words within the stars below to find gifts you can give every day.

