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Celebrating Christmas

THE WISE MEN'S VISIT

Far away in the East, three wise men named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazor saw a new star shining high in the sky. These men who were kings studied the stars, and they knew this was a very special **star**. They studied their **scrolls** where it said that whenever a bright new star appeared it meant that a great ruler had been born.

The three wise men decided to find this new ruler. They went to Jerusalem to see King Herod, as they thought the baby would be in the Palace. They asked to see the child that would be King of the Jews. The King was troubled. He thought this new king might take away his throne. He told them to return to the palace when they had found the baby so that he could worship the child himself.

The wise men set off to find the baby. They were guided by the star to the stable in Bethlehem. Here they knelt and worshipped Jesus. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After they had left, that night the three men had the same dream where an angel warned them that king Herod wanted to kill the baby Jesus, and they were told not to go back to the palace.

The wise men went back another way to their own country without visiting Herod. Soon After, Joseph had a dream where an angel told him to take Mary and the baby Jesus to Egypt as King Herod had ordered that Jesus be killed. They left Bethlehem right away.

When the wise men did not return, Herod ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. Herod men did not find baby Jesus and he was safe.

1. According to the scrolls what was the meaning of a bright new star?
2. What city did the wise men stop to first and who did they speak to?
3. What did they believe was at this place?
4. Why was the king fearful?
5. Did the king want to go and worship the new baby? Select yes or no?
6. Name the gifts the wise men gave the baby Jesus?
7. How did the wise men know not to return to the palace?
8. Where was Joseph told to take Mary and baby Jesus?
9. After the wise men did not return to the king, what did the king decide to do?
10. What was the name of the king?