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### **Wise Men From The East**

In a country east of Judea, many miles away, there lived learned men who studied the stars. They were called Magi. One night they saw a strange star shining in the sky; and in some way they learned that the coming of the star meant that a king was soon to be born in Judea. They made the long journey with servants and camels and horses.

When the Magi reached Jerusalem, they asked the people, "Where is the newly born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."

But no one had heard of this new king. The news of their coming was sent to Herod, the king of Judea, who was now an old man. Herod was very wicked; and when he heard of someone born to be a king, he feared that he might lose his own kingdom. He made up his mind to kill this new king. He sent for the chief priests and scribes. After studying the books of the prophets, they said, "He is to be born in Bethlehem of Judea."

Then Herod sent for the wise men and said to them, "Go to Bethlehem, and there search carefully for the little child; and when you have found him, let me know, so that I also may come to worship him."

The Magi went on their way to Bethlehem, and suddenly they saw the star again shining upon the road before them. They were very happy and followed the star until it led them to the very house where the little child was. They entered, and there they saw the little one, with Mary his mother. They knew at once that this was the king, and they fell on their faces and worshiped him as the Lord. Then they brought out gifts of gold and precious perfumes, frankincense and myrrh, which were used in offering sacrifices, and they gave them as presents to the royal child.

God sent a dream to the Magi, in which he told them not to go back to Herod, but to return home by another way. They obeyed the Lord and did not go back to the city.

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

## **CHAPTER 6: WISE MEN FROM THE EAST**

- 1) What was the name of the men that studied the stars?**
  
- 2) Why did Herod want to kill the new King?**
  
- 3) Where was the new King to be born?**
  
- 4) Who was with the little child?**
  
- 5) What were the gifts presented to the child?**
  
- 6) Why did the men not go back to Herod?**
  
- 7) Would you have listened to God if he asked you to do something?**

