



Week 3

Hope

Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-12

Talk about it

Christmas is getting closer! The excitement is growing, and we can't wait for it to arrive. Can you tell me exactly how many days there are until Christmas? Imagine having to wait more than a whole year for this day? What if you had waited your whole life? We are going to learn about some important people in the Christmas story. These people visited Jesus after He was born, but we want to learn about them today because they teach us so much about hope! Let's open the Bible and read about a group of people who had waited their entire life with the hope that God would send a Savior to earth. We are going to open to the second part of the Bible, the New Testament, and look at the book of Matthew.

Read it

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Ask it

Have you ever had to wait for something that you were really excited for? (Invite the kids to tell you about a time they had to wait for something to happen.) Was there ever a moment when you didn't know if it would actually happen? (Let your kids share if they were ever worried that it would not happen.)

When we wait for something good that we believe will happen, we have hope. We are excited for it to happen, and we look forward to it. The wise men had hope that God's promise would come true. They studied the sky and saw the sign that God had left. These men had hoped for a long time for Jesus to come. After Jesus was born, they traveled to see Jesus, to give Him gifts, and to worship Him.

God kept His promise to send Jesus for us. We have true hope that Jesus is powerful and completely forgives us from our sin when we respond to Him in faith. One day, Jesus will come again to make all things new.

Make it

Create a part of the Christmas story! Cut apart and decorate the wise men figures. Talk about how the wise men had hope that God would send someone to save the world, and how Jesus gives us hope to have a relationship with God. Remind your child that the wise men visited Jesus after He was born. They gave gifts and worshiped Jesus for being the hope that had come.

Pray it

Take some time to pray as a family and ask God that He would give you an opportunity to share the hope He has given you in this season.

God, thank You for giving us hope by sending Your Son for us. Please help us to remember that You will finish what You have begun in each of us through Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.

Matthew 2:2