

# Three Wise Kings

## Treasure Hunt - Multi-sensory Activity

Matthew 2: 1-12

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### OVERVIEW

Share the excitement of the three wise kings by inviting your students on a treasure hunt. Fill three boxes with small items that go along with the story. Tape one part of the story inside the lid of each box. Then wrap and hide them around the room. Invite your students to help you find the gifts and unwrap the story.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

1. Package 1 wrapped and filled with paper crowns (enough for each student).  
Example: [Paper Crowns](#)
2. Package 2 wrapped and filled with stars (enough for each student). Example: [Foam Stars](#)
3. Package 3 wrapped and filled with Nativity craft (enough for each student):  
Example: [Nativity Sticker Scene Ornaments](#)
4. Wrapping paper, tape, and scissors to wrap packages
5. Materials to complete Nativity Craft (will vary depending on the craft).
6. Story of the Three Wise Kings (optional: print out story to send home).

### ACTIVITY

**Story** - Three Wise Kings (Summary) - Matt 2: 1-12

**Idea** - Wrap three boxes like Christmas gifts, numbered 1 - 3. Tell kids that Jesus's love is a gift for us, and today, we are going to use some gifts to help us tell a story about three wise kings who knew that the Savior had been born. Have the students look around the room and point to the gifts that they see. A child could then bring the gift to a teacher, or the teacher or teacher's assistant could go and bring the gift to the group. Do this until all of the gifts are next to the teacher.

**How it works** - Inside each box there will be a part of the story to read, plus a whole bunch of small items for each child (each item is the same in each box). Open each box in order. Have the children each get a small gift from inside the box. Read each part of the story below while the children hold the gift that corresponds to that part of the story:

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**Box 1 - King Crowns - example: [Crowns](#)** - Tell students that today we are going to hear a story about kings.

**Read Part 1 of the Story:**

*When Jesus was born, there was a jealous ruler named King Herod. He wanted to be the most powerful king in the land. One day three other kings came to see him. These kings were different from King Herod. They were wise! They had seen a bright star in the sky and they knew that our Savior, Jesus Christ, had been born. They wanted to travel to see baby Jesus. They told King Herod about this too. When King Herod heard about baby Jesus, he became afraid that he would lose his kingdom. So he told the three wise kings that when they found the baby to let him know where he was, because he wanted to honor him too. But King Herod was not telling the truth. He did not want to honor baby Jesus. Jesus and his family were in danger.*

**Box 2 - Stars - example: [Foam Stars](#)** - Tell students that God will always guide us.

**Read Part 2 of the Story:**

*But the three kings were very wise - that's why we sometimes call them the three wise men! They didn't trust King Herod. They got on their camels and began following the bright star in the sky. They were excited to meet Jesus, and they were bringing gifts too. They brought precious items - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They traveled day and night following the bright, shining star all the way to Bethlehem.*

**Box 3 - Nativity Craft - example: [Nativity Sticker Scene Ornaments](#)** -End by telling students that Jesus is the King of Kings and His love is the best gift of all!

**Read part 3 of the Story:**

*The star took them to the city of Bethlehem. The three kings were overjoyed when they saw Baby Jesus lying in the manger. They knew that He was the son of God. They knelt down and worshipped him. They remembered to give their gifts but there was something else that they remembered too - that King Herod was not to be trusted. So when it was time to leave, they did not tell King Herod where baby Jesus was. They helped keep Jesus safe. The three wise kings knew that Jesus would always be the King of Kings!*

**As the kids are working on the craft, make sure you emphasize that Jesus's love is a gift for us, and that we celebrate Jesus being born at Christmas.**

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