

Wise men travel to find Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

Far away from Bethlehem there lived some wise men. These men knew many important things. When Jesus was born, God wanted these wise men to know the good news. So God put a very bright star in the sky. The wise men knew this star meant a great new King had been born.

The wise men wanted to find the King and take Him gifts. They packed special perfumes and gold into bundles on their camels and set off across the desert. Finally they came to Jerusalem. They went to talk to the king there. His name was Herod.

"Where is the new King that has been born? We have seen His star and are coming to bring Him gifts." King Herod was surprised to hear about another king. He asked the priests and teachers where the new king was. They told him, "God will

send a great King to be born in Bethlehem!" Herod told the wise men to find this new King in Bethlehem. Then they should come back to tell him.

As the wise men rode their camels to Bethlehem, the same bright star that they had seen before led them again. The star led them to the house where little Jesus was living with Joseph and Mary. The wise men took their gifts into the house and knelt down in front of Jesus. This little boy was the King they had been looking for!

After they visited Jesus, the wise men were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod. Herod was jealous and wanted to hurt Jesus! So the wise men took a path home that led away from Herod.