

# THE Wisemen look for a baby king

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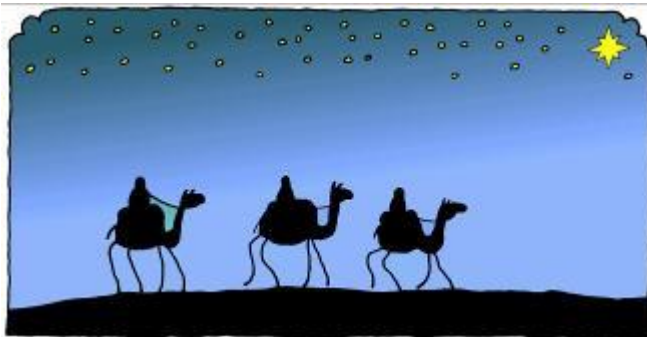
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Hundreds of years before Jesus Christ the son of God was born many things about His birth were written by the prophets.



Some very clever men from a far country in the east, studied the stars and were excited when a bright new star was in the sky. "A King has been born," they said, "We must go and worship him."



The Wisemen packed the things they needed for the long ride, along with valuable presents for the new born King. They set out on a big journey towards the star, which shone so brightly every night.



They went to look for the baby King at King Herod's palace in Jerusalem. King Herod's teachers said Christ would be born in Bethlehem. "Come back and tell me when you find him," said King Herod slyly.



So the Wisemen started out towards Bethlehem. They saw the star shining in the east and went towards it, until it was right above the house where Mary and the little child Jesus were living.



When Mary opened the door she was surprised to see such important strangers from a far off land. They told her they had even been to King Herod's palace to try to find the new born King!



The Wisemen bowed down before the Christ child and worshipped Him. They knew He was God's promised Saviour and Messiah and gave him some very special gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



An angel warned the Wisemen not to go back and tell Herod they had found God's promised King, because he would try to kill the child, so the Wisemen went home another way.