

WISE MEN COME TO HONOUR BABY JESUS

CAST: Narrators, Wise men, king Herod, advisors

NARRATOR 1:

On the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there lived some wise men in a faraway country. These were important men who studied the stars. They saw a bright star that told them that a new king had been born.

NARRATOR 2:

They followed the bright star that showed them the way to the country where Jesus was born. The wise men thought that this special baby must have been a new king, so they went straight to the palace to see king Herod.

WISE MEN: Tell us where the new king is.

KING HEROD - angrily:

What new king? I am the most important person in this country - no-one else!

(to his own advisors):

Do you know anything about this baby?

ADVISORS:

God's messengers said he would be born in Bethlehem.

KING HEROD to the wise men:

Go to Bethlehem and when you find him, come and tell me where he is.

DIRECTOR:

Why do you think king Herod wanted to find out about Jesus?

[field responses from audience]

NARRATOR 3:

[as the wise men travel to Bethlehem and then offer their presents]

The wise men left the palace and followed the star to Bethlehem.

There they found Jesus and fell to their knees to honour him. They opened their bags and showed the beautiful presents they had for the special new baby. They were glad they had come all the way to see Jesus.

NARRATOR 4:

As it was getting late they all laid down to sleep.

[pause]

While they were sleeping, God sent his angel to warn the wise men:

ANGEL: Don't go back to king Herod. He only wants to hurt Jesus.

NARRATOR 4:

So the wise men went home a different way.

While Joseph was sleeping, God sent a messenger to him also.

ANGEL:

Take Mary and Jesus and go quickly to Egypt. Herod is looking for Jesus to kill him.

NARRATOR 5:

Joseph did exactly what the angel told him. Jesus was safe in Egypt. Joseph, Mary & Jesus stayed there until king Herod died.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus you are amazing, when you were born there was a star that told the world about your birth. Thank you for the story of the wise men who knew to look for that star and came to treat you like the King.