

Adventures with GOD!

THE WISEMEN SERVED GOD (A.3.FALL.6)

Biblical Reference	Matthew 2: 1-12
Key Verse	Matthew 2:10
Key Concept	I can serve God by being obedient to Him.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tell how the wisemen obeyed God. 2. Color the three gifts brought by the wisemen and count them. 3. Repeat the story of the 3 wisemen.

LIFE APPLICATION

The Bible says the three wisemen came from the East to Jerusalem asking where the king of the Jews has been born. They had read in the prophecies of the Old Testament story of the birth of the King of the Jews and wanted to see with their own eyes what they read. They traveled many miles to see him. Through this story, children will learn that obedience brings greater rewards and positive outcomes. The wisemen obeyed and went to see the newborn child. They were privileged to meet the King of Kings and Savior of this world. During the week, encourage children to tell the story to at least one other person, recognizing that if they obey God, He can use them for your wonderful things.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Crayons, Illustration	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Illustrations, Bible	10 minutes
Song	Music, instruments	10 minutes
Game	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Craft	Costumes	10 minutes
Prayer/Snack		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Introduction: Before class, print the sheets of figures that describe the events of obedience told in the story. Cut them into pieces to make a puzzle. When arrive, form teams of three or four children and give each group a puzzle to put it together. Begin to talk on the subject of the importance of obedience. Emphasize that to obey God is very rewarding for our lives. God is happy if their children are obedient.

Bible Exploration: There are lots of stories that people have created about the wisemen. The. Tell the story within the biblical context. Do not forget to have your Bible open before starting the story, mentioning the importance of this book for all of us again. Emphasize that the Bible is message is from God to us. It states what God says is important life for our lives. We must respect and love Him and be ready to obey what he says.

The men probably had to travel many, many miles following the star so that they could reach Jerusalem. When they arrived, King Herod asked them to notify him when they find where the child was born. But Herod had different plans. The wisemen did not know that he was not being honest, so when they were preparing to return to Herod after finding the Savior, they were warned by an angel of the Lord not to return. They obeyed and went home another way. The wisemen had two choices: obey the voice of God by not returning to Jerusalem or not obey the warning. The wisemen decided to be obedient to God, so we learn that it is to obey what He commands. Emphasize the importance of obeying again.

Song: "Obey, fulfill your duty,
if you want to be happy,
must obey. "

Game: If time permits, you can play "Simon Says." The game reinforces the idea of obedience.

Craft: Give each child some clay to make the figure of the men and camel. This exercise will help children use their imagination and creativity. Have multicolored fabrics to decorate with clothing.

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In addition, make copies of the illustration with man and camel, cut and give them to children to color. Help cut along the dotted lines (camel's back) and insert the base of the wise man. If desired, reinforce with cardboard or cardstock to make it firm.

Prayer/Snack: Ask children how important is obedient to God. Ask children to pray thanking God for the wisemen who were used to fulfill the plan of God on earth. Also at this time ask God to help them to be obedient, so that He can use them. Share what you have prepared for this time. You can continue talking about obedience and privilege for every child of God will be used by him to be part of His plan. We are blessed when we obey.

Closing Prayer

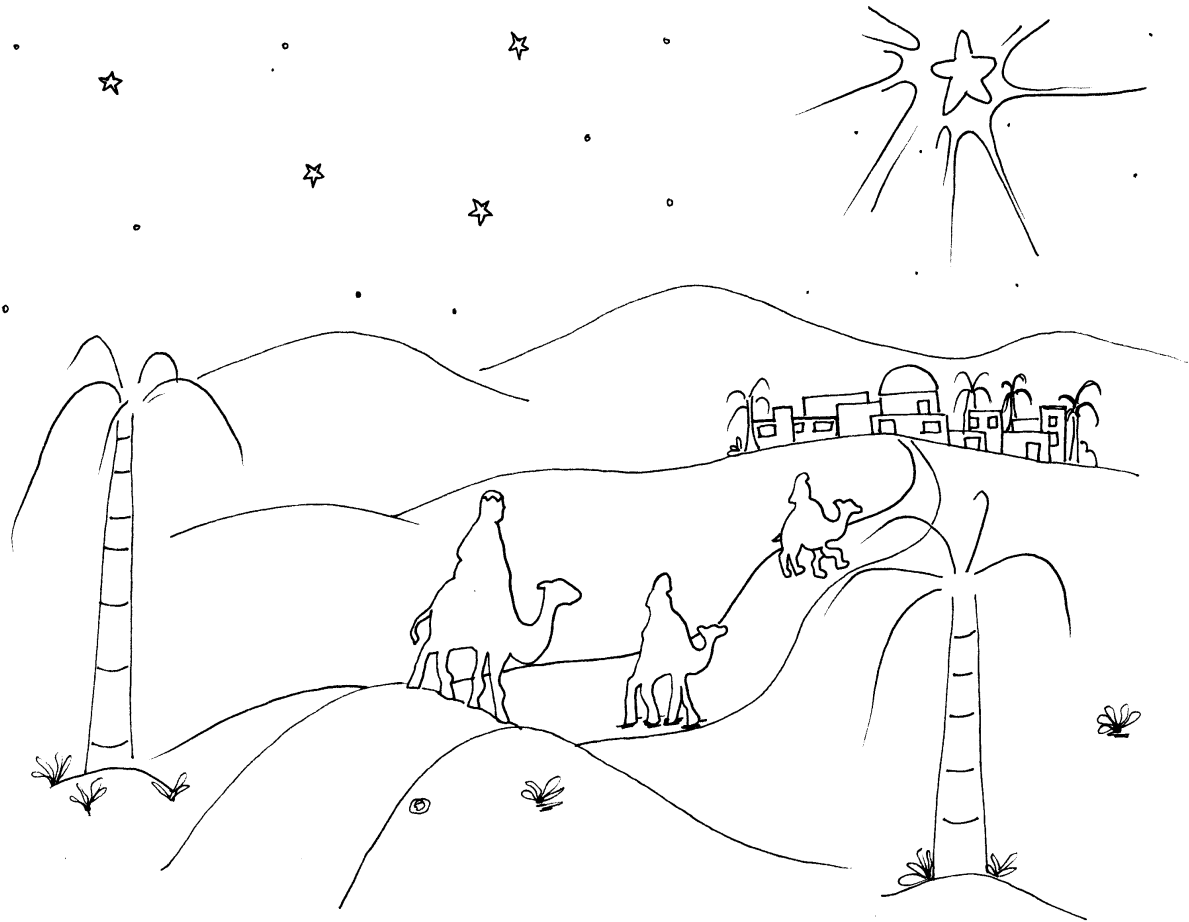
Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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Illustration

FOLLOW THE STAR



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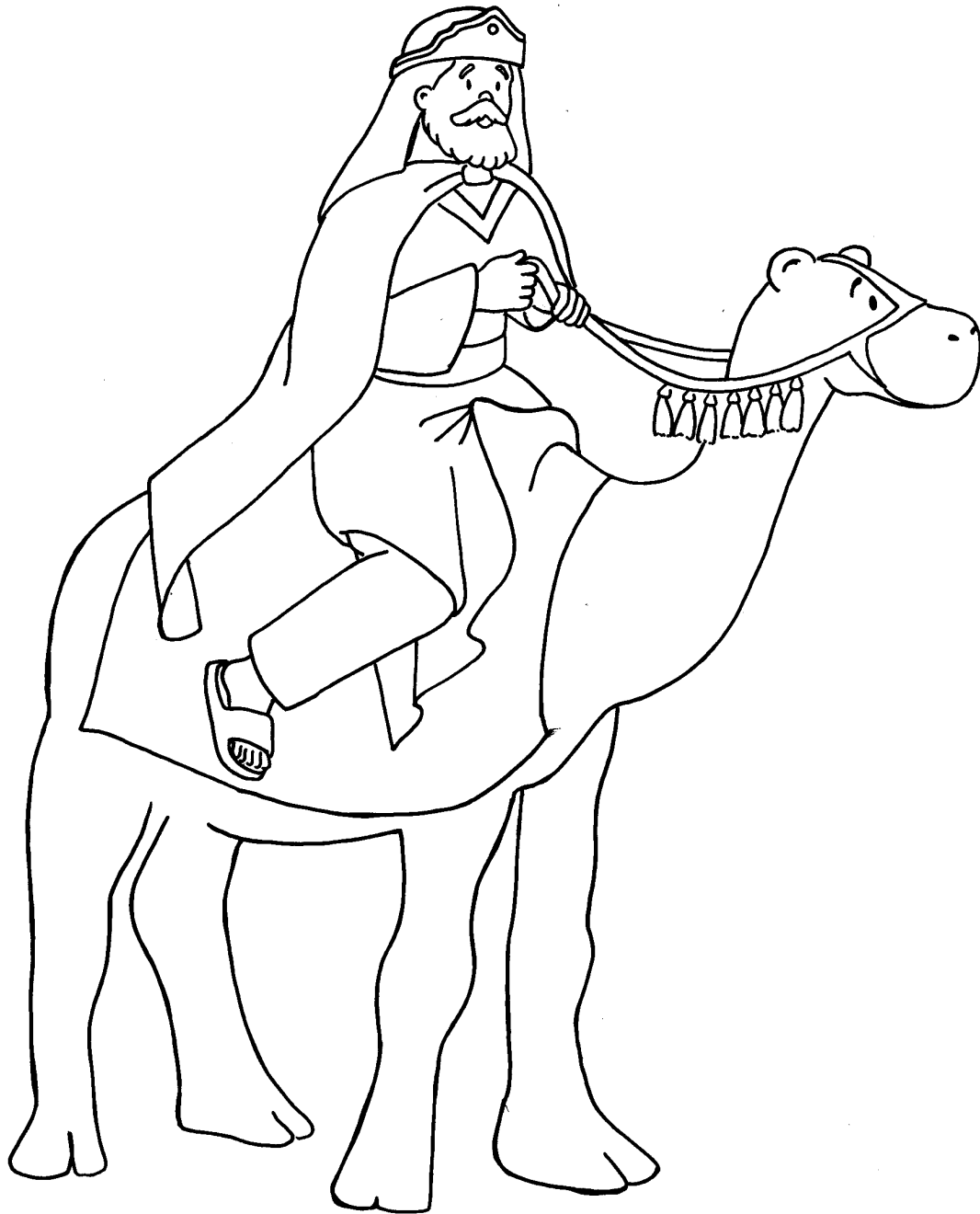
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GIFTS FOR JESUS



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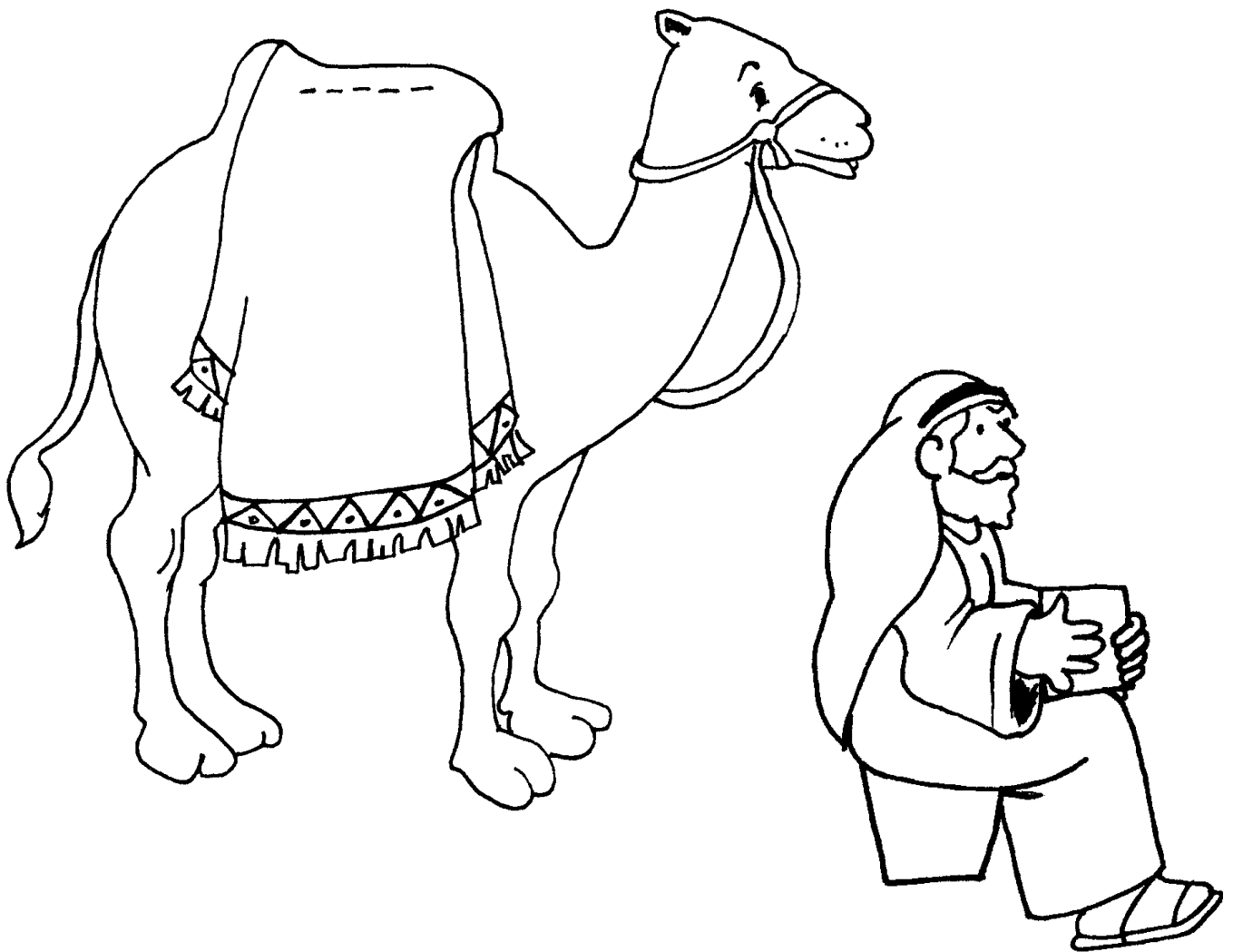
ILLUSTRATION



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Craft

Make a copy for each child. Have them color and cut. You may need to help them cut the dotted line (on the camel) to sit the man on camel.



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ILLUSTRATION

GIRL PRAYING



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BOY PRAYING



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STAR

