

SONG 8

We Are Come to Worship Him – The Wise Men

Read: Matthew 2:1–12

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KNOW THE SETTING

"There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem" (Matthew 2:1) "in the days of Herod the king" (Matthew 2:1).

Herod "was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him" (Matthew 2:3). The chief priests and scribes pointed to Bethlehem from the prophet's words.

WHO SPEAKS

- The wise men (verse 2)
- The chief priests and scribes (verses 5–6)
- Herod (verse 8)

LOOK CLOSER

- Matthew never says how many wise men came or calls them kings. He names three gifts: "gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). Our pictures show three travelers as an artistic choice.
- They found "the young child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:11) in "the house" (Matthew 2:11). Matthew does not say how long this was after the birth.
- Herod said he wanted to "come and worship him also" (Matthew 2:8), but the next verses show his true intent (Matthew 2:13). The wise men were "warned of God in a dream" (Matthew 2:12) and went home "another way" (Matthew 2:12).

CONNECT THE SCRIPTURES

- **Numbers 24:17:** "There shall come a Star out of Jacob" (Numbers 24:17)
- **Isaiah 60:3:** "The Gentiles shall come to thy light" (Isaiah 60:3)
- **Philippians 2:10:** "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Philippians 2:10)

What this reveals about God. Christ came for all people. God led seekers from far away to find Him.

PONDER

1. The wise men traveled far and kept searching. What does seeking Christ look like in your life?
2. They "rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (Matthew 2:10). What fills you with that kind of joy?
3. They opened their treasures. What gift can you offer Him?

TALK ABOUT IT

After finding Him, they went home "another way." How has coming to Christ changed your direction?

SING THE VERSE

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (Matthew 2:10)

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