

## *Lesson Three: The Story of Christmas*

**Objective:** Announce the Good News of the Birth of Our Savior

**Target Group:** Grades K-3

**Time Required:** 40 minutes

**Materials Required:** Nativity set, age-appropriate book (optional), art supplies

Recommended storybooks:

*We Three Kings* by Gennady Spirin

*Small Camel Follows the Star* by Rachel W. N. Brown

*The Story of the Three Wise Kings* by Tomie dePaola



### *Lesson Plan*

**Background for educators:** Gospel of Luke, (Luke 2:1-40)

**Lesson Topic:** The Wise Men

**Goals:**

- a. Remove modern commercialization from the Christmas story
- b. Learn more about the Wise Men who paid homage to the Messiah

**Lesson:**

- a. Invite students to share what they already know about the three Wise Men
- b. Read aloud a suggested storybook on the Wise Men
- c. Lead students in singing the Three Wise Men song below:

Song: Three Wise Men  
*(to the tune of Three Blind Mice)*

Three wise men, three wise men  
Traveling a far, seeing a star  
They found the Savior in Bethlehem  
Fell on their knees to worship  
Never before had there ever been a Child like Him  
Three wise men.

Three wise men, three wise men.  
Followed the star, followed it far.  
They followed the star to Bethlehem  
Bow down and worshiped the newborn king  
Gave gold, and myrrh, and frankincense,  
To Jesus the king.

- d. Activity: On accompanying worksheet, have students illustrate the gifts they would bring to baby Jesus.

**Conclusion:**

Examining the Nativity is a way for students to engage in the story of Christmas by understanding those who were present for the birth of Jesus and the surroundings into which he was born. This helps students to better understand our Catholic Christmas traditions and their significance, as opposed to more commercialized aspects of the season.

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## The Story of Christmas: The Wise Men

1. When the Wise Men visited Jesus, they brought him very important gifts. Below, draw three gifts you would bring Jesus.

2. Help the Wise Men follow the star to visit Jesus.

