Date: 12/16/17

Title: God’s Christmas Star

Theme: God wants us to be like the star in the east leading others to Jesus.

Object: Cardboard stick-on star for each saying “I Love Jesus.” Christmas tree star if available.

Text: Matthew 2:1-2;9-10 (NKJV) Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

This passage in he Bible tells something very interesting that happened when Jesus was born.

There were some wise men that lived in the east, many miles away from where Jesus was born.

When Jesus was born, they saw a new star in the sky that they had never seen before.

And as they watched this new star, it seemed to move in a different direction than all the other stars.

So they decided to follow the star, and it led them to Jerusalem, a city only a few miles away from Bethlehem where Jesus had been born.

Now somehow, they knew that this star was a special star that meant a new king had been born.

And they must have known that this was the promised Messiah of the OT because they came to worship Him.

After they talked to King Herod in Jerusalem, the star led them right to Bethlehem and stopped right over the house where Jesus was staying.

They were so excited and happy that the star had led them to Jesus.

You know, many people think this was not a real star, like the other stars in the sky.

Many think that this was a band of angels all together in one place that looked like a shining star.

And it was the band of angels that led the wise men to Jesus.

When they got to the house where Jesus was staying, they went in and worshipped Him.

Notice that Jesus was in a house, not in the stable where He was born, so this could have happened maybe as much as a year after He was born.

Who knows what gifts the wise men gave to Jesus? (Gold, frankincense, and myrrh)

These were gifts fit for a king.

You know what, kids, God wants you and me to be like the Bethlehem star.

He wants us to shine real bright and show the way so others can find Jesus too.

Maybe there is someone you know who needs to find Jesus.

God wants you to help them find the way.

Do you know what we need in order to shine bright for Jesus?

We need to love Him more than anything else.

So I brought some stars with me this morning, and they all say, “I love Jesus.”

If you love Jesus, I’m going to give you a star this morning.

How many would like to have a star saying, “I Love Jesus?”

[Tape star to each child.]

Let’s tell Jesus that we love Him today, what do you say?

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