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Lesson 13:

The Wise Men

Today's Story:

Our story today tells us that Jesus was the forever King, not only of Israel, but of **all** nations.

In an eastern country, far from Israel, there were several Wise Men or “Magi” who studied the stars in the night sky. When they saw a new and wonderful star in the sky they understood that a special king had been born amongst the Jewish people. They travelled all the way to Jerusalem because they wanted to find and worship the newborn king of the Jews. However, when they got to Jerusalem, they met with King Herod who was very angry to hear that a *new* king had been born. Herod sent the wise men on to Bethlehem, the place where the prophets had foretold that a special king would be born. Meanwhile, Herod secretly made a plan to kill the child as soon as possible. But God's plan was greater and could not be changed. God would protect his Son.

The wise men followed the new star to Bethlehem and found Jesus. They fell on their knees and worshipped him and gave him precious gifts. God told the wise men not to go back to Herod. They went back to their own country with stories of the wonderful new King in Israel. In a dream, God told Joseph to quickly take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt so Herod could not harm them.

God's promise to Abraham years ago was being fulfilled. Jesus the forever king had been born – not just for the Israelites, but for people from faraway lands and for people right here and now, for you and me. Jesus came as the Forever King for all people.

Bible Memory Verse:

“...they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.” (Matthew 2:11a - KJV)

My Art Response:

