

Motions:

2 Corinthians 13:11 - hold hands open like a book

Rejoice! - jump with arms extended overhead

Change your ways. - turn around backward

Encourage each other. - give yourself a high five

Live in harmony - shake your head yes (harmony means to be in agreement)

and peace. - hold up 2 fingers like the peace sign

Then the God - point up

of love - hug yourself

and peace - hold up 2 fingers like the peace sign

will be with you. - point outward at others

Blessing

May you seek Jesus the way the wise men did.



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We believe that spiritual development happens in the home as well as in the church setting. This piece has been designed to help you connect with your child about the lesson they had this past week. Use all the ideas one night or spread them out throughout the week. Enjoy!

Activity

Take the kids outside on a clear night this week and do some star gazing. As you look up at the stars, try to count them.

- **How many stars do you think there are in the sky?**
- **Were any of the stars brighter than the others?**
- **What do you think makes the stars shine?**
- **How do the stars show God's power and beauty?**
- **How is Jesus like a star?**

In this week's Bible story, God used a special star to lead a group of men to find Jesus. They traveled many miles with the star as their guide, and when they finally found Jesus, they bowed down to worship Him. Pray together on your knees under the stars.

Activity

Use the construction paper and crayons to make pretend crowns. Cut out the crown shapes and glue or tape them together to make crowns you can wear. You can use glitter glue, stickers, or fake jewels to make them very pretty!

Cut out one star shape out of construction paper and hide it somewhere in the house. Then, everyone will put on their crowns and act out the story as they go on a "journey" looking for the star that

SUPPLIES

- construction paper
- glue or tape
- scissors
- crayons
- perfume
- gold jewelry
- spices (cinnamon, or any kind of spice)

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is hidden. Before you go, don't forget to gather your gifts! Take a bottle of perfume, some gold jewelry, and some spices, which represent the myrrh, gold, and frankincense the wise men had. Take turns holding the gifts as you journey. Once you find the star, lay down your gifts.

Preschoolers are learning to identify shapes. Your preschooler is learning the basic shapes of circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. She may also be ready to learn other shapes like heart, star, and oval. As your child is learning about a particular shape it is important she is exposed to a variety of sizes and colors. Also for shapes like a triangle, show her a variety of different triangles, not all being equilateral ones. Point out different orientations of shapes on a page—long rectangles as well as tall rectangles.

It's important your child can both recall and recognize shapes. Recognition is when given an assortment of shapes your child can recognize and pick out a specific shape—"Can you find a triangle?" Recall is when shown a specific shape your child is able to recall the name of the shape—"What shape is this?" Both skills are equally important in mastering the identity of shapes for preschoolers.

Scripture Memorization

2 Corinthians 13:11b (NLT)

"Rejoice! Change your ways. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you."