

The Magi

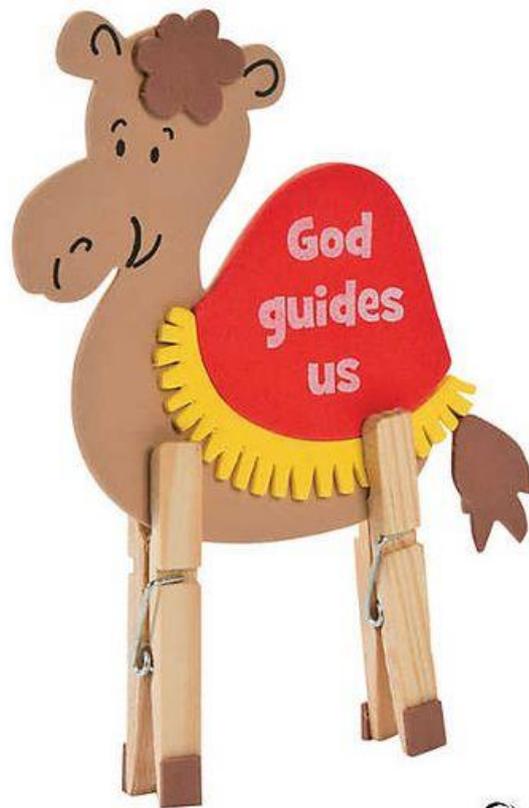
- **Ask:** Can you remember who was the last person you visited?
- **Activity:** Play “We’re going on a journey” – similar to “We’re going on a bear hunt”
You could set up a blue sheet for water, yellow sheet for the desert, brown paper for mud, green felt/blanket for grass, or play this outside if you can. Pretend you are going through long grass, mud, a river, and a desert. It should go something like this:
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired... Uh-oh! Grass! Long wavy grass! Can’t go over it, we can’t go under it. Oh no, we’ve got to go through it. Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired... Uh-oh! A River! A deep cold river! We can’t go over it, we can’t go under it. Oh no, we’ve got to go through it. Splash, splosh, Splash, splosh, Splash, splosh.
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired. Uh-oh! Mud! Thick oozy mud! We can’t go over it, we can’t go under it. Oh no, we’ve got to go through it. Squelch, squerch! Squelch, squerch! Squelch, squerch!
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired. Uh-oh! A Desert! A hot sticky desert! We can’t go over it, we can’t go under it. Oh no, we’ve got to go through it. Sweaty, sweat! Sweaty, sweat! Sweaty, sweat!
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired. Uh-oh! A stable! A noisy smelly stable! We can’t go over it, we can’t go under it. Oh no, we’ve got to go through it. Wiffy, waffy! Wiffy, waffy! Wiffy waffy!
We’re going on a journey, it’s going to be a big one, to find the baby Jesus but we’re not tired. We’ve found the baby Jesus lying in a manger. Worship, praise! Worship, praise! Worship, praise!
- **Sing:** “Born is the King It's Christmas” by Hillsong Worship - https://youtu.be/yu-KO73_NOY
- **Talk:** Think of the last time you went on a long journey - where did you go? If you visited someone, who did you visit? Did you take anything with you on your journey? Today we are thinking about the Magi. The Magi were wise men who travelled from the Far East which is modern day Iraq to Israel to visit Jesus. How many wise men were there? There were three presents but the Bible doesn’t actually tell us how many wise men there were. What we do know is they were not kings. they were wise men or astrologers/star gazers. Let’s have a look at what happened when the wise men went to visit Jesus...
- **Watch/Read:** “The Christmas Story Jesus and the Wisemen” at <https://youtu.be/Zk1LhngROCM>, or watch Lottie’s ‘The Magi’ video on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3r7UTja> or read Matthew 2:1-12 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2%3A1-12&version=NIV>.
- **Discussion:** What did the Magi follow? **A special star.** They didn’t bring presents of nappies, cotton wool and a teddy - what gifts did they bring? **Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.** Gold showed that Jesus was king to everyone. Frankincense showed that Jesus was the high priest as Frankincense is an incense used by priests when they pray. Myrrh showed the special task Jesus would do in dying on the cross to show us all how much God loves us. Although the Magi were not Jews, they were drawn to Jesus which shows us that Jesus came for everyone. I wonder if this week you can show love to everyone you meet, even if it’s someone you don’t get on with (which can be really tricky!)

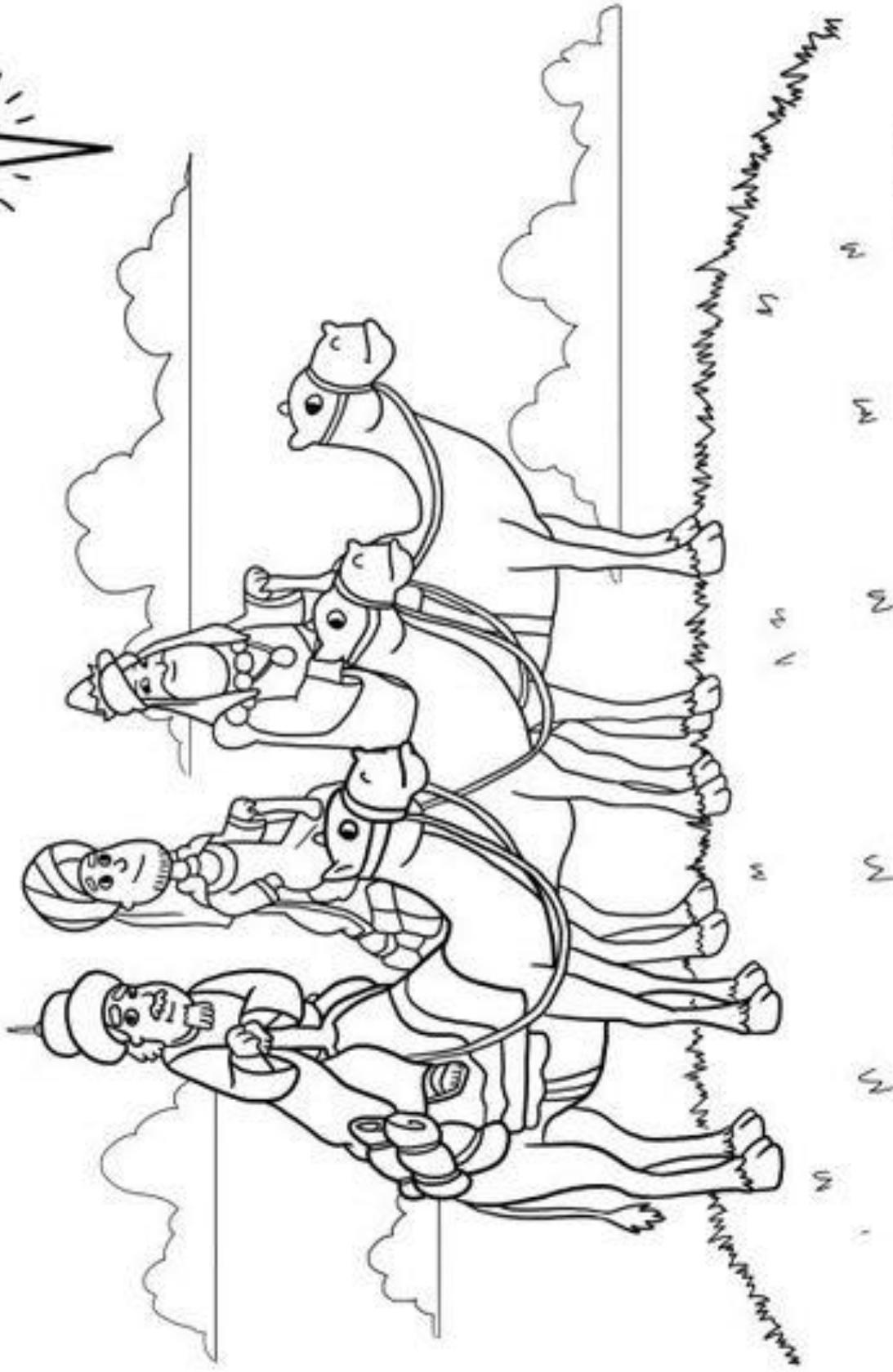
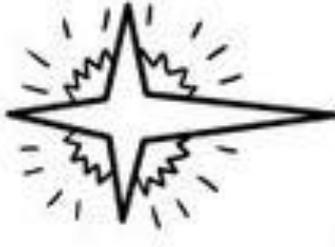
- **Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank you that you came to live among us and show us how much God loves us. Please forgive us when we have not loved others. Help us to love everyone we meet, especially those we find difficult to love. Amen.
- **Make:** 'Magi/Wise man Mask'. You will need: a paper plate or cardboard circle, yellow, black and red paper/card or white and colour it in, cotton wool and a lollipop stick/straw/strip of paper. If using cardboard, draw a large circle and cut it out; if not get your plate and draw some eyes on it. Cut out some holes where the eyes were drawn. Then using the red paper cut out a small circle for a nose and glue it in the middle of the eyes, but a little lower in a good nose position. Then cut out some strips of black card or wool for hair and stick that to the top of your circle or plate for hair. Then take the cotton wool and glue it to the bottom of the plate/circle to make a beard and a moustache. Then draw a crown shape on the yellow card/paper and cut it out stick this to the head of your Magi/wise man. Next glue your stick/straw/strip to the bottom of the mask for you to hold.
- **Make:** 'A Peg Camel'. You will need: Light and dark brown paper/card, wooden pegs, yellow and red felt/foam/card, pencil, scissors and felt pens. Draw the body of a camel on your brown paper/card and cut it out. Then draw a face, ears, and nostrils onto your camel's head. On the dark brown card/paper draw some shaggy camel hair and a tail, cut them out and stick them to your camel's head and tail. You could use brown wool for the hair and tail if you prefer. Then draw a hump to match the camels onto your red felt/foam/card/paper to make a blanket, cut it out and stick it to the camels' hump. Then using the yellow felt/foam/card/paper to draw a frayed edge/tassels of a blanket cut out and stick to the edge of the red blanket. Attach the wooden pegs to the body of the camel to make the legs.
- **Print:** The sheets below and do the Colouring, Mazes, Word Search etc.
- **Drinks and biscuits!**

Magi/Wiseman Mask



Peg Camel





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Wise Men – Find the Difference

Compare the two pictures of the wise men visiting Jesus and circle the differences.



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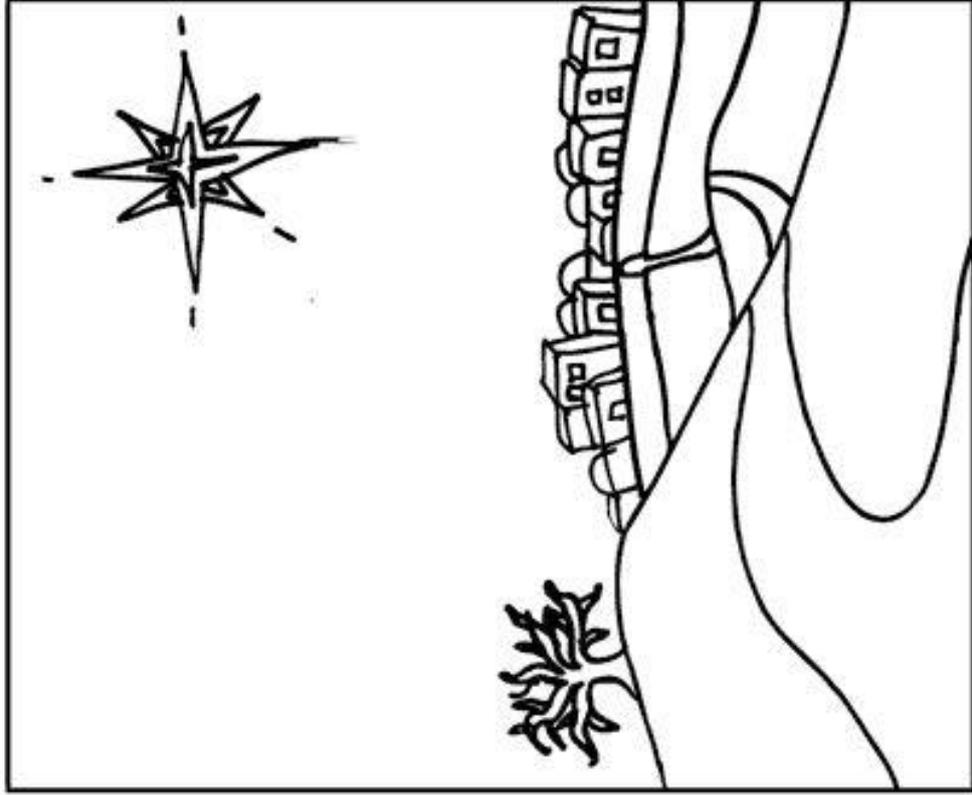
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You Are the Artist - Wise Men

This is a clear night when the wise men saw the star that would lead them to find the child Jesus.

Draw and add the following to the picture:

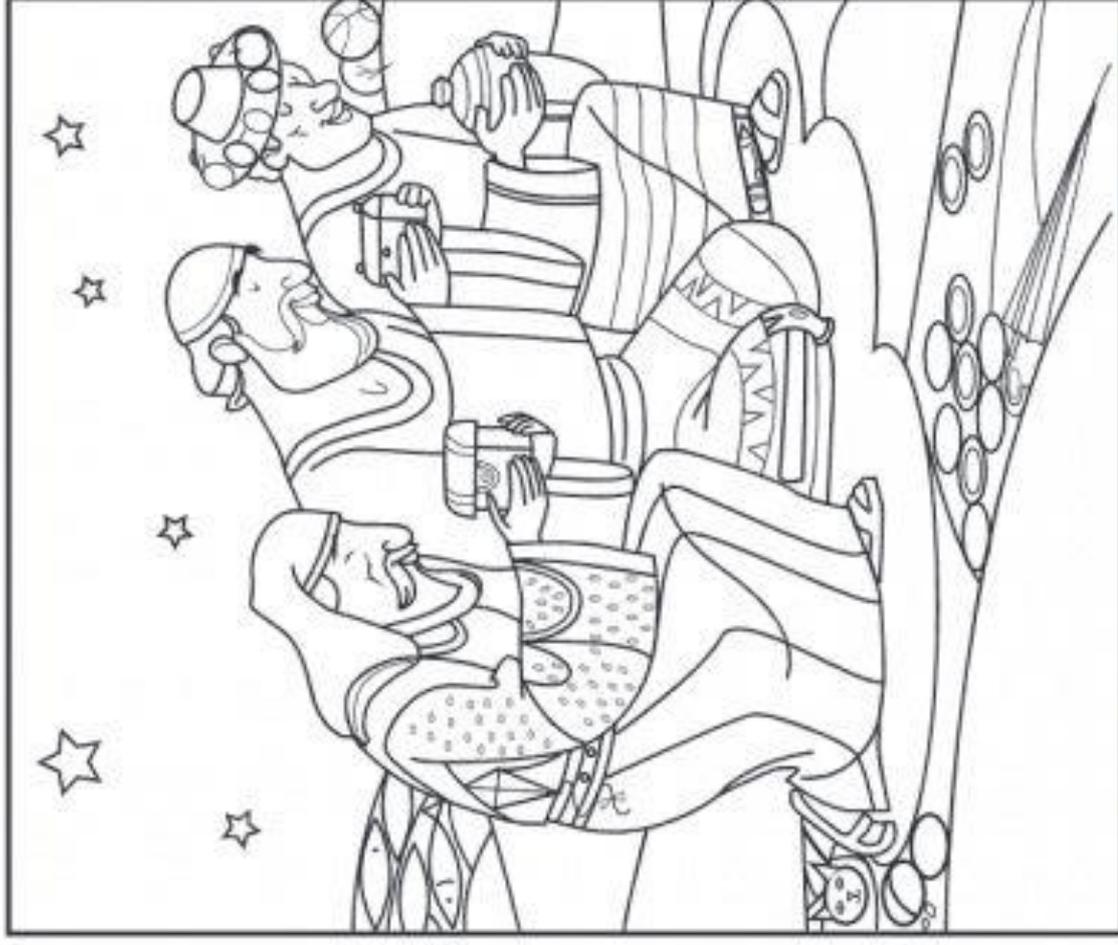
- wise men
- camels
- gifts
- stars



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Wise Men Hidden Pictures

Find each of these items hidden in the picture. Banana, fish, umbrella, kite, cat, pencil, apple, hammer, ball, and watermelon slice. When you find all the items, you may color the picture.

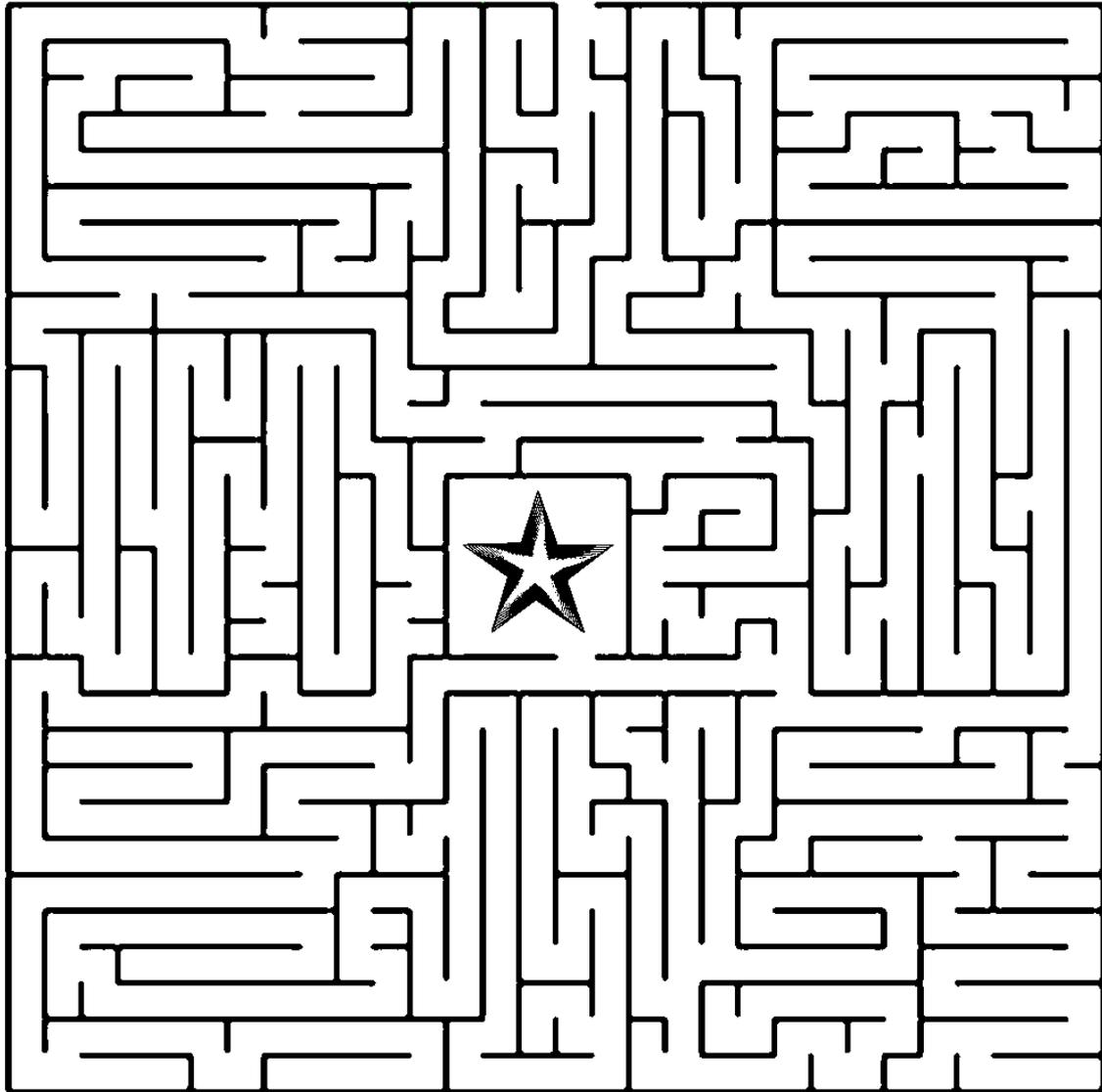


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Christmas Maze

Can you help the wise men follow the star to find Jesus?



The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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PRIESTS
 GOD
 STAR
 WORSHIPED

MYRRH
 CHILD
 MAGI
 EAST

BETHLEHEM
 HOUSE
 TEACHERS
 SEARCH

KING
 INCENSE
 WORSHIP
 BORN

CHRIST
 MARY
 MOTHER
 HEROD