

Christmas Heroes



How some Wise Guys made it into
The Christmas Story

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” **Matthew 2:1–12 (NIV84)**

Two Simple Rules for Bible Reading

- ① Focus on what the Bible says rather than what it doesn't say
- ② Keep your primary focus on God

God loves you no
matter _____ you are



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Matthew 2:1 (NIV84)

“For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me...” **John 6:44 (NLT)**

“Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” **Mark 2:17 (NLT)**

God loves give
_____ Chances



“... Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child.” **Matthew 2:9 (The Message)**

“So tell the people: This is what the Lord All-Powerful says: ‘Return to me, and I will return to you ...’” **Zechariah 1:3 (NCV)**

_____ Jesus is the
Key to Happiness



“They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.” **Matthew 2:10–11 (The Message)**

“... ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” **John 6:35 (NLT)**

“‘Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.’” **Revelation 3:20 (NLT)**