

Jesus God Who Came to Earth

Lesson Two: Wise Men Worship the Savior King

Character Review

The wise men seeking Jesus long ago are good examples for you and me today: We are “wise” when our behavior shows that we “understand the consequences of what we choose and how we act.” How did the wise men show that they understood the consequences of what they decided to do?

One very important way that you and I can show wisdom is by understanding the consequences of seeking a close friendship with Jesus or the consequences of turning our back on Jesus. What would be the outcome of seeking Him? What would be the outcome of turning our back on Him?*

The response of the wise men to follow-through with what they knew to be true was to set out on a journey to find the new king and worship Him. Yes, “**Jesus is King!**” (*Word up*) Worship begins in your heart (the part of you that feels emotions) and your mind (the part of you that thinks). When you truly love and honor the Lord Jesus, the one who created you and died for your sin, you can worship Him in everything you do. (pg. 25) It is wise to worship the one true God who is worthy of our trust and obedience.

What does worship look like?

You can express your love for God by singing praise songs to Him. You can use His name with respect and not as a swear word or when you are upset. You can pray, telling God He is a wonderful almighty God.

And the most important way to worship Him is by reflecting His love, obeying Him, and serving others! (*Demonstrate “reflecting His love”*: Using a handheld mirror, let one or two children each reflect sunlight [or, alternatively, lamp light or a flashlight beam] onto his or her heart (i.e., chest area), and then onto the heart of another child.

These are not things that you do in your own strength. God the Holy Spirit will help you want to do everything as a gift to Him. God the Holy Spirit will help you worship God. You can **worship the Lord Jesus as your King!** (pg. 25) This is true wisdom. To turn away from God and not worship Him is foolish and leads to death or separation from God.

*Skip Garmo, author of *Character Solutions: Christlikeness Bible Guide*, shares insights on character for each of our lessons which are woven throughout this section reviewing our textbook from CEF.

Pre-Club Activity Option

Do you know what this is? (Hold up a Monopoly dollar bill or similar type) How do you know what kind of dollar it is? You know because you are familiar with real money. There are many fake or counterfeit dollars around pretending to be the real thing. People who learn to be cashiers are trained to recognize the real dollars. (Describe the real dollar. There are lines woven into the fabric to prove in the light that it is the real thing.)

Jesus says that when we come to His light, the truth is known about who we really are.

People can be like counterfeit bills. They say they are believers, but they are really make-believers. They might talk like a believer and do things that believers do and dress like a believer, but they are not really a believer. Who do you think in our story today is a make-believer? Let's find out.
(Herod pretended to want to worship King Jesus, but that was far from the truth. The wise men were the true worshippers.)

Don't be a counterfeit Christian. Here is a YouTube video to give you some background for this object lesson.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdksiO1IAZ4>

Rhyming Review

1. The wise men set out to follow the star. Before the end of their journey, they would go far.
2. The wise men to Bethlehem would go. Their whole-hearted worship they would show.
3. The gifts of the wise men: gold, frankincense and myrrh, would support Jesus' family on their trip to Egypt for sure.
4. Using God's name respectfully, is one way to worship Jesus our King, for you and me.
5. Worship God with a whole heart and a praise song. It can be short or long.
6. Jesus being King made Herod afraid. So, a terrible order he gave.

Big Concepts:

