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“The Wise Men of Christmas”

Matthew 2:1-12

I. Who were the Magi?

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem saying ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him’” (1)

II. How were they Wise?

A. They understood which star to follow *“And there it was-the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure.” (9b-10)*

B. They prioritized which possession to give *“Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (11a)*

C. They knew which position to take *“Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshipped Him.” (11b)*

D. They discerned which King to obey *“Then Herod, when he saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men...” (16)*

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