

Grade 2

Lesson 8 : The Star in the East

Objective:

**The King is in born in Bethlehem**

Starter:

1. Begin with a brief discussion starter : “ What do you know about the Birth of Jesus?” Allow the children to share their thoughts and prior knowledge. Further lead the conversation directing to the people who visited child Jesus after his birth.
2. Create curiosity amongst children about the star.

Presentation:

1. Explain the story of the Wise Men visiting Child Jesus and Herod’s reaction on hearing the birth of Jesus. (Matthew Chp 2 ). Focus on the following points:
  - Star appearing in sky after the birth of Jesus
  - Wise men visiting Herod and asking about Jesus
  - Herod sending Wise men to Bethlehem
  - Star guiding the Wise Men
  - Offering presents to Jesus – Gold, Myrrh & Incense
  - Herod passing order for killing the male babies under the age of 2
  - Angel asking Joseph to go to Egypt
  - Reason for Jesus being called Nazarene.

2. Show an animation video clip as a summary to the lesson <https://youtu.be/EH-ZOXltCc8?si=Y7Vg6RzeoSQvnPRH> Practical Application:

1. Introduce the idea of trusting and following God and giving all that we have without expecting anything in return like the Wise Men.

2. Ask children their perspective towards the behaviour of King Herod and their learning.
3. Discuss with children, ways in which God speaks to us

**Activity :**

1. Learning the Action Song “One Way”
2. Learning the Bible Verse “Do not be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me.” John 14:1