



## **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

### "The Journey of the Wise Men"

Once upon a time, in a faraway land filled with shimmering sands and twinkling stars, there lived a group of very wise men. They loved to study the stars in the night sky, and one day, they saw a special star they had never seen before. This star was bright and sparkly, and it seemed to be inviting them on a journey.

"Let's follow this star!" one of the wise men exclaimed. "Maybe it will lead us to something wonderful!"

So, with hearts full of excitement, they packed their bags with gifts fit for a king: shining gold, sweet-smelling frankincense, and wonderful myrrh. They hopped onto their camels and began a long, exciting journey, following the bright star wherever it led them.

As they traveled, they sang songs, told stories, and dreamed about what they might find at the end of their journey. They passed through fields and forests, towns and cities, and finally arrived in Jerusalem, a big, bustling city.

"We've come to find the new King," they told the people of Jerusalem. "Where is He?"

The people in Jerusalem were very surprised. Some were even worried, especially King Herod. He was the king at that time and didn't like the idea of another king taking his place. He told the wise men, "When you find this new King, come back and tell me where He is, so

I can also go and worship Him." But deep down, Herod had a sneaky plan to get rid of the new King to keep his own power.

The wise men left and continued to follow the star. It led them to a little town called Bethlehem. And there, in a cozy little house, they found baby Jesus with His mother, Mary. The star stopped right above the house, filling the place with a warm, glowing light.

The wise men were filled with joy! They knelt down and offered their gifts to baby Jesus, honoring Him as the new King. Gold, because He was a king; frankincense, because He was divine; and myrrh, because He would one day save the world with His sacrifice.

After they had given their gifts, the wise men knew it was time to go home. But that night, God spoke to them in a dream, warning them not to go back to King Herod. God told them Herod's plan to harm baby Jesus. So, the wise men took a different way home, keeping the baby safe from harm.

Meanwhile, an angel also appeared to Joseph, Jesus's earthly father, in a dream. The angel told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, so they would be safe from King Herod. Joseph immediately obeyed because he wanted to keep his family safe.

Jesus and His family stayed in Egypt until King Herod was no longer in charge. Then, another angel came to Joseph and told him it was safe to go back. They moved to a little town called Nazareth, where Jesus grew up strong, wise, and full of God's blessing.

And so, the wise men returned to their homeland, forever changed by the journey and the incredible gift they had received in meeting the King of Kings. They continued to follow God's guidance, telling everyone about the miraculous baby they had found under the shining star.

And as for baby Jesus, He grew up to do amazing things, sharing God's love with the whole world.

So, whenever you see a bright star in the sky, remember the wise men who followed God's guidance to find baby Jesus. Remember that God guides each of us too, leading us on wonderful adventures if we open our hearts to follow Him.

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Nighttime Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for the story of the wise men and baby Jesus. Help us to follow Your guidance just like the wise men did. Please keep us safe and fill our hearts with joy. Thank You for always being with us and loving us. Amen.

# Bedtime Story: "The Bright Star in Bethlehem"

\*\*Once upon a time, in the vast, starry skies, there appeared a brand new, radiant star. This star was so special that it caught the attention of some wise men who lived far away. These wise men loved to study the stars, and they knew this one was unique.\*\*

“We must follow this star,” they said excitedly. “It will lead us to something wonderful!”

So, they packed their camels with gifts fit for a king—shiny gold, sweet-smelling frankincense, and precious myrrh. They traveled across deserts and mountains, always keeping their eyes on the bright star.

The star finally led them to a small town called Bethlehem. There, it stopped above a humble house. The wise men entered the house and found a young child, baby Jesus, with His mother, Mary. The star's light made the whole place warm and glowing.

Filled with joy, the wise men knelt down and offered their gifts to baby Jesus. They gave Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh, honoring Him as King, God, and Savior. That night, they had a dream where God told them not to return to King Herod, who had bad plans. So, they took a different road home.

As you go to bed tonight, remember the wise men who followed the bright star to find baby Jesus. Keep your heart open to the adventures God has in store for you, and let His light guide your way.

Nighttime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for the bright star that guided the wise men to You. Help us to follow Your light and always seek Your guidance. Thank You for loving us. Amen.

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## Bedtime Story: "Joseph's Night Visit"

Once upon a time, in the quiet of the night, a man named Joseph had a very special dream. In his dream, an angel appeared to him with an important message.

"Joseph," said the angel, "you must take Mary and the baby Jesus and escape to Egypt. King Herod wants to harm the child. Stay in Egypt until I tell you it is safe to return."

Joseph woke up with a start. He knew he had to protect baby Jesus. He gently woke Mary and told her about the angel's warning. Without wasting any time, they gathered their things, took baby Jesus, and started their journey to Egypt under the cover of night.

They traveled safely to Egypt and stayed there, waiting for God's signal to return. Joseph listened and obeyed God because he trusted Him with all his heart.

One night, while they were in Egypt, an angel visited Joseph again in a dream. "It is safe now," said the angel. "You may return to Israel."

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to their homeland and settled in a town called Nazareth. There, baby Jesus grew up strong and wise, surrounded by God's love.

As you lay down to sleep tonight, think about how Joseph trusted and obeyed God. Remember that God is always looking out for you.

Nighttime Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for guiding and protecting Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Help us to trust Your guidance and follow Your will. Keep us safe tonight. Amen.

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## Bedtime Story : "The Wise Men's Journey"

Long ago, in a land far, far away, a group of wise men saw something amazing—a bright, new star twinkling in the night sky. They knew it was a sign of something very special.

“This star is leading us to a new King!” said one of the wise men.

So, they packed up treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, hopped on their camels, and set off on a long journey. They were determined to find this special King.

The wise men traveled over deserts, mountains, and through many towns, always keeping the new star in sight. Finally, the star led them to a small town called Bethlehem and stopped above a little house.

Inside the house, they found a young child, baby Jesus, with His mother, Mary. The wise men were filled with joy! They knelt down and presented their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus, honoring Him as the new King.

After meeting Jesus, the wise men planned to return home. However, that night, God spoke to them in a dream, warning them not to go back to King Herod, who had bad intentions. So, they took a different path home, keeping baby Jesus safe.

As you snuggle into bed tonight, think about the wise men's journey, their faith, and their joy in finding Jesus. Remember that God has a special journey for you, too.

Nighttime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for guiding the wise men to You. Help us to follow Your guidance and seek You every day. Thank You for Your love. Amen.

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## Bedtime Story 4: "The Angel's Warning"

\*\*One peaceful night, as Joseph slept, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel had an urgent message.\*\*

“Joseph, wake up!” the angel said. “Take Mary and baby Jesus and flee to Egypt. King Herod wants to harm the child. Stay there until I tell you it is safe.”

Joseph woke up quickly. He knew he had to protect baby Jesus. He woke Mary and told her about the angel's warning. They packed their things and set out for Egypt in the middle of the night.

As they traveled, God kept them safe. When they arrived in Egypt, they found a place to stay and waited for God's next instruction. Joseph trusted God with all his heart, knowing that He would keep them safe.

After a while, an angel appeared to Joseph again in a dream. The angel said, “Joseph, it is safe now. You can return to Israel.”

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to their homeland and moved to a town called Nazareth. Baby Jesus grew up strong and wise, filled with God's love and blessings.

As you drift off to sleep tonight, remember how Joseph listened to God and protected his family. God is always watching over you and guiding you.

Nighttime Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for protecting Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Help us listen to Your guidance and trust You. Please watch over us and keep us safe tonight. Amen.

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## Bedtime Story 5: "The Safe Journey Back"

After staying in Egypt for some time, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus received another heavenly visitor. One night, as Joseph slept, an angel came to him in a dream with wonderful news.

“Joseph,” said the angel, “you can return to Israel. Those who wanted to harm baby Jesus are no longer in power.”

Joseph woke up with great joy. He told Mary about the angel’s message, and they began their journey back home.

They traveled back to Israel and found a new home in a town called Nazareth. There, Jesus grew up, surrounded by love and learning. He grew strong and wise, always knowing that God had a special plan for Him.

Joseph and Mary were thankful for God’s protection and guidance throughout their journey. They knew that God had watched over them and led them every step of the way.



As you get ready to sleep tonight, remember that God is always with you, guiding and protecting you just like He did for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Trust Him, and He will lead you on a wonderful journey.

Nighttime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for watching over Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Help us to trust Your guidance and follow Your path. Keep us safe and bless us with sweet dreams. Amen.

Goodnight, little one! May your dreams be filled with joyful journeys and the warmth of God's love.