

Station One – A star for a king

Introduction



'During the time of Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him" Matthew 2:1-2

We don't know how many people travelled to Bethlehem, or if indeed they were only men, but we know that people who were clever at understanding star patterns and ancient texts, saw a new star in the sky and knew that it meant that God's promise of a saviour had happened.

They travelled many hundreds, possibly thousands of miles, and some believe that they didn't arrive in Bethlehem until Jesus was a toddler.

They travelled a long way because they knew something important had happened, and they wanted to worship Jesus

Craft preparation

If you buy ready-made cardboard stars, there is very little prep needed for this craft apart from cutting lengths of ribbon to hang them with. You will also need to provide a tree (or handful of branches) so that one star can be hung in the church as a tangible reminder of their visit

- 2 cardboard stars
- Self adhesive gold stars
- String or ribbon
- Christmas tree for hanging

[Cardboard Star gift tags from Etsy](#)
[Gold star stickers from Etsy](#)

Craft Instruction sheet

As you stick gold stars on two cardboard stars, think about why a new baby born hundreds of miles away was so important to the star followers, that they travelled all that way to see him.
 When you have finished hang one star on the tree and put one back in your bag to hang up at home to remind you of that epic journey

Scene setting

Required

- Introduction sheet
- Craft Instructions
- Christmas tree or branches
- Story – printed/videoed or read in person

Optional

- Rolled up blankets, and Middle Eastern looking 'camping' gear – as if the travellers are getting ready to depart.
- Maps and compasses
- A4 picture
- Reflection questions

Reflection questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think the star followers were actively looking for the star, or just spotted it one night? • Can you imagine the conversations that happened when they decided they needed to follow the star? • What might have been their hopes and dreams for the journey?
Soundtrack	<p>Wisemen Still Seek Him By Lynn Cooper CCLI Number: 3032125</p> <p>https://youtu.be/hls543NcoTc</p>
Story	A star for a king
Extra ideas	<p>Read 'Three Wise Women' by Mary Hoffman</p> <p>Display a map of the Middle East with pins and string to indicate a three day, three week, three month, etc. journey</p>