

*They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him."*

—Matthew 2:2

Day 219

Three wise men lived in a faraway country. They saw the special star in the sky. They knew the star meant that a Savior was born. So they decided to follow the star. They traveled a long way. They wanted to find the Savior.



**The Savior is
for everyone,
everywhere**



Thank you for your guidance, God.

The Wise Men went to the house. They saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.
—Matthew 2:11

Day 220

The wise men brought expensive gifts to Jesus to honor him as King.

The star led the wise men to Jesus! They gave him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were very special gifts to give. The wise men knew how important Jesus was to the world. They knew Jesus was the King of Kings.



I give you my heart, God.

*But God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod ...
—Matthew 2:12*

Day 221

The wise men visited Jesus and his parents. They showed Jesus their love and respect. But Jesus was in danger! So when it was time for the wise men to go back to their land, God sent a message through a dream. He told the wise men not to return to King Herod!

To protect his people, sometimes God speaks to people in dreams.



I love and respect you, Lord.

*... So they returned to their country on a different road.
—Matthew 2:12*

Day 222

**Not everyone
wants to follow
King Jesus.
Open their
hearts, God!**

Not everyone was happy about the birth of Jesus. King Herod was a mean man. When he heard that a new king was born, he was very mad! He wanted to be the only king. When the wise men did not return to him, he told his soldiers to find Jesus themselves.



***Even when people do not love you,
I choose to love you, God!***

When the Wise Men had left, Joseph had a dream. In the dream an angel of the Lord appeared to him. "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to come back. Herod is going to search for the child. He wants to kill him." —Matthew 2:13

Day 223

God knew Jesus might be in danger! So he warned Joseph and Mary. In a dream, an angel told Joseph to take Jesus to another country for a while. God would take care of their family. They listened to the angel.

**If we listen,
God will tell us
exactly what
to do. He knows
what is best.**



Take care of my family too, God!

After Herod died, Joseph had a dream while he was still in Egypt. In the dream an angel of the Lord appeared to him. The angel said, “Get up! Take the child and his mother. Go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” —Matthew 2:19–20

Day 224

**God never forgets.
It might seem
like a long time,
but God always
remembers.**

Joseph and Mary and Jesus waited in Egypt a long time. But finally an angel told Joseph it was safe to leave. King Herod was dead. They could go to Israel again. Jesus would be safe back in his homeland!



Bless our home, God!