



THE CHRISTMAS QUEST

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REMEMBER

For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 ESV

READ

Read Matthew 2:1-12. When people search for a treasure that they know is very valuable, they don't let anything stop them from finding it. That's what happened when the wise men saw the star that would lead them to Jesus! Did the wise men live far, far away from Bethlehem? Yes, but that didn't stop them! Did people think they were silly to travel to a faraway land because of what they read in some dusty, old scrolls? Probably, but that didn't stop them! Did their adventure cost lots of money? Of course, but that didn't stop them! Was the journey long, hard, and risky? Definitely, but even that didn't stop them! Why? Because God had come to earth as a baby, and they knew that finding Him was the greatest treasure they could imagine! Nothing could stop the wise men from going on this epic Christmas quest!

THINK

1. The wise men used their knowledge of the stars and scrolls to find Jesus. What do we have now that teaches about Jesus and helps us to know him?
2. The wise men went to so much trouble to get to Jerusalem, where they thought the new Jewish king would be found. But when they arrived, no one seemed to know what they were talking about! How do you think they felt? Do you think they wondered if their whole trip was a mistake? How did God provide the directions for the last part of their quest?
3. Even though we can't give actual gifts to worship Jesus like the wise men did, the Bible teaches that when we do loving things for others, it's like we're doing it for Jesus (Matthew 25:40). What special things can you do for other people to give Jesus a gift this Christmas?
4. The wise men weren't part of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people, but God still invited them in a unique and wonderful way to meet Jesus. What does this show us about who can worship Jesus and become part of His family?