

NXTGEN

Glow

SHINE BRIGHT
WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PARENT'S GUIDE

LEVEL 1
AGES 4-5

This Christmas season, kids will discover how Jesus is the Light of the World - a light that shines in the darkness and invites us to follow, worship, and reflect Him. From the shepherds' first encounter with the angels to the Magi's long journey and Jesus' own teaching, kids will learn that God's light leads us, changes us, and shines through us for others to see. May your family glow the light of Jesus using L.E.A.P.:

LEARN TOGETHER:

Explore God's Word and discover how to follow Him beyond what's easy or familiar.

ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION:

Talk about what God is teaching. Every question and thought matters!

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE:

Help your child live out their faith in simple, everyday ways.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Stay connected to God as you pray for strength and guidance.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON IS FOCUSED ON:

Date:	December 14, 2025
Passage:	Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 119:105
Big Idea:	Jesus is the Light of the World
Memory Verse:	John 8:12 ICB I am the light of the world.

LEARN TOGETHER



BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

Welcome to today's lesson! Imagine walking in the dark with only a single light to guide you. How would you feel, scared, excited, or full of hope? A long time ago, far away from Israel, some very wise men called Magi lived. These men were not kings, but they were smart and curious. They studied the heavens, watching stars and planets carefully to understand signs from God.

One night, a star appeared that was brighter and more special than any they had ever seen. It wasn't just a pretty light, it was a sign from God, showing them that the Savior, Jesus, had been born, just as the prophets had said. This star was like a glowing guide, pointing them toward Him. Traveling in those days was not easy. There were no maps, no cars, and no streetlights. The Magi had to trust the star, use what they knew, and be brave as they journeyed through deserts and mountains.

In our Bible story today, we will see how the wise men followed God's light and what happened when they finally reached Jesus. As we read Matthew 2:1-12, think about the ways God's light is guiding you today. Just like the Magi followed the star, we can follow Jesus and let His light lead us every day.

LOOK UP & READ

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ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION



SUGGESTED DISCUSSION STARTERS

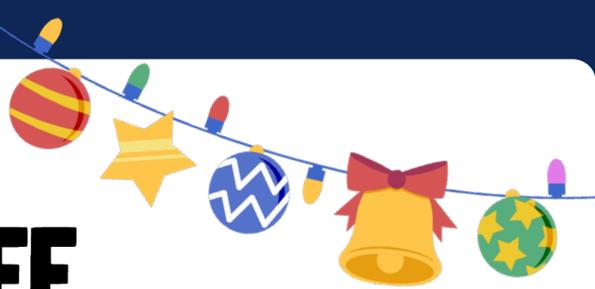
- How does following God’s light help us make good choices?
- The Magi brought gifts to honor Jesus. What kind of “gifts” can we give Him?
- What is one step your family can take together this week to follow Jesus?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The story of the wise men is more than just a Christmas story—it tells us about Jesus, the Light of the World. People have always needed a Savior because sin separates us from God. Sin is when we choose our own way instead of God’s way, and it puts darkness in our hearts. Just like night hides the path, sin keeps us from seeing God clearly. But God sent Jesus to be the Light that shines in the darkness and shows us the way back to Him.

The wise men saw the star and followed it, and in the same way, we can follow Jesus’ light in our lives. Jesus’ life, death on the cross, and resurrection show us that God’s love is stronger than sin and darkness. When we follow Jesus, we are walking in His light. It gives us guidance, hope, and joy. When we follow God’s light, we experience His presence, learn His truth, and shine His love to the people around us. God’s light is not just for a special few—it is for everyone who seeks Jesus, and it will guide us safely through the dark times of life, just like it guided the wise men to the Savior.

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE



LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

We will glow with God's love for God by _____.

OBEY GOD'S WORD & AUTHORITIES

We will read God's Word together and shine His light by _____.

VOLUNTEER

We will serve together as a family by _____ (helping at church, sharing food, visiting someone).

ENGAGE THE FAMILIES

We will follow God's light by _____.

SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY

Follow the Star – Set up stars around the house that lead to a gift box. Discuss how the wise men followed the star that led to Jesus and how, as a family, you can follow Jesus also.

PRAY TOGETHER



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the love and life we share as a family in You. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, the light of our lives. Help us to follow His light together and to encourage one another as we lead our friends and loved ones to Him. In Jesus' name, amen.

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