



**January 15th, 2012**

**When Jesus Came 4**

**I. Synopsis** *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

When Jesus came to the earth on the very first Christmas, He changed everything! But Jesus didn't just come to those people back then, Jesus came for all of us! Join us as we hear people tell stories about when Jesus came into their lives. When you invite Jesus into your life, you can have your own story of when Jesus came into your life too!

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-82/Worship>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

**II. Hook:** *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Find the song and lyrics to one of your child's favorite TV shows. Talk about what the song says about the characters on the show. Introduce the topic of worship and define it as honoring, praising, or making something particularly important by what we do or say. Discuss how when we sing songs about something that we are showing how important that thing is in our life. Then talk about that this is the reason we sing songs about Jesus – to show Him how important He is to us!

**III. Book** *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read Matthew 2:2, or read it yourself: "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Then read the phrase for this week: "When Jesus came to be my King, He made me want to WORSHIP and sing!"

#### **IV. Look** *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that after this week we focused on the story of the Wise Men, who traveled a long way to worship the baby Jesus. When they finally reached Bethlehem, they were so excited to see Jesus! They worshipped Him and gave him their gifts.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- How hard do you think it was for the Wise Men to travel so far and so long before they finally got to see the baby Jesus?
- How do you think they felt after they worshipped Him and gave Him their gifts?
- What are some other ways we can worship Jesus besides singing and praying?
- What gift can you give to Jesus this week?

#### **V. Took** *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. The Wise Men traveled from a distant country all the way to Israel. In Jerusalem, they learned that the newborn King would be found in Bethlehem.
2. When they finally arrived, the Wise Men worshipped Jesus and gave Him gifts.
3. There are many different ways of worshipping Jesus, like singing, praying, giving money to church, serving other people, and telling others about Him.

Talk with your child about what it means to worship. Talk about how everything we do in life can be a way to honor Jesus if we do it to please Him. Also discuss ways that you can make Jesus known to other people as a family.

#### **VII. Close with Prayer**