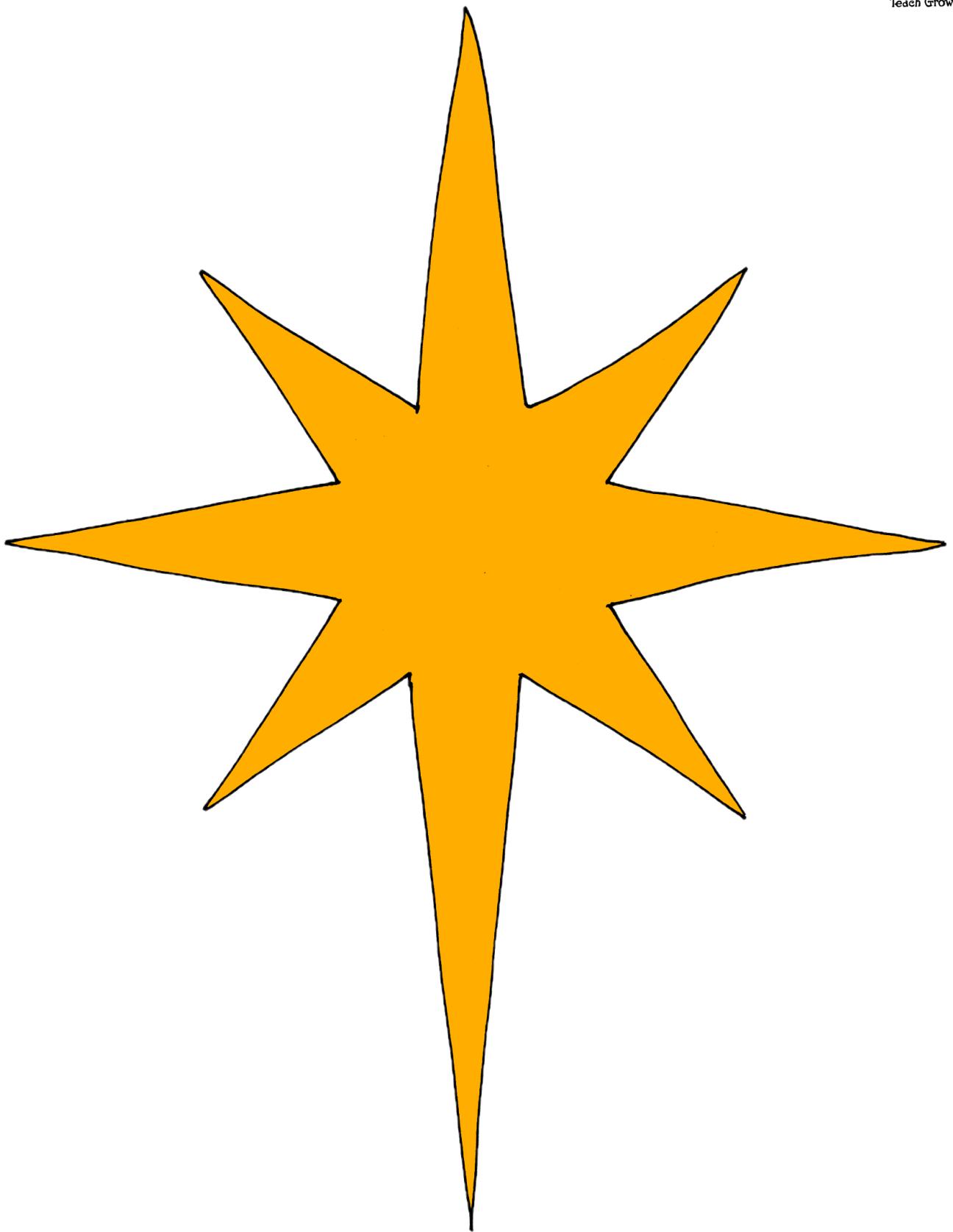


Skit for Whole Group

Wise Men

Checklist

- tree topper star
- star ornament attached to string on a stick
- baby doll
- perfume bottled in wrapping paper
- gold bar (rectangular object in gold wrapping paper) in another wrapping paper
- spice jar in wrapping paper



Story:	Wise men
Focus:	When we wait patiently for God's gifts, He surprises us with something better than what we imagined.
Object:	tree-topper star
Intro:	Do any of you have one of these on top of your trees at home? Do you know why?

Group Skit (All Ages)

Volunteers:	3 wise men holding wrapped presents
Props:	Bible, 3 wrapped gifts, star ornament attached to string on a stick, baby doll
hold up a Bible	The Bible had been promising the Rescuer would come for a very, very, very, very, very long time. God's people had been waiting and waiting.
	After waiting so long, some people stopped believing God was really planning to send the Rescuer.
wise men look up	But many people still believed. Some of the extra-wise ones even kept an eye on the sky to see if God would send them a message.
hold up star	And that's exactly what happened. God put a message in the sky. It was a very special star. We don't know exactly what it looked like, but it showed the wise men where Jesus was.
wise men follow star	Some wisemen travelled a long way to Jerusalem to look for the Rescuer because that's where kings were supposed to live.
	They were told to look in Bethlehem, because the Bible says that's where the Rescuer would be born.
wise men follow star	They travelled there and when the star stopped over a house, they found Jesus with His mom.
wise men bow and open gifts	The wise men worshiped Jesus and gave Him three wonderful presents: gold, which was money back then, Frankincense, a special spice, and Myrrh, a perfume.
patience fruit	It took a lot of patience to wait so long for the Rescuer. But it was worth the wait. Because Jesus would turn out to be so much more amazing than what they could have possibly imagined Him to be.

Preschool

Wise Men

Checklist

- modeling dough
- baby doll

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw themselves following the star.

Modeling dough:

Encourage children to make something from the story, like a present, baby Jesus or the star.

Games:

What Time Is it Heavenly Star?

This is just like What Time Is it Mr. Fox? One person plays the “Heavenly Star.” They stand against the wall and turn their back to the Wise Men (all other children). The Wise Men call out, “What time is it, Heavenly Star?” The Heavenly Star calls back a time, e.g., “It’s three o’clock.” The Wise Men then take three steps forward. The Wise Men try to reach the Heavenly Star before they turn around. If the Heavenly Star hears that the Wise Men are close, they can turn around and try to tag them. All the Wise Men run back to home base. If someone tags the Heavenly Star before being tagged, they get to be the next Heavenly Star.

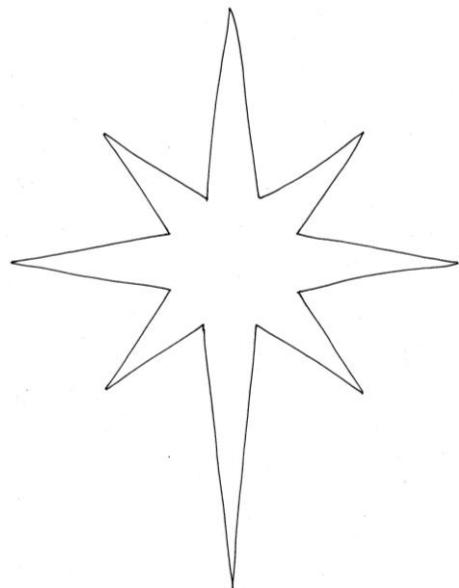
Play follow the leader, where the leader is the star, and everyone following is one of the wise men. The leader can hide the baby doll somewhere while everyone closes their eyes, and then has to lead them (eventually) to it.

Song:

We Three Kings

Wisemen

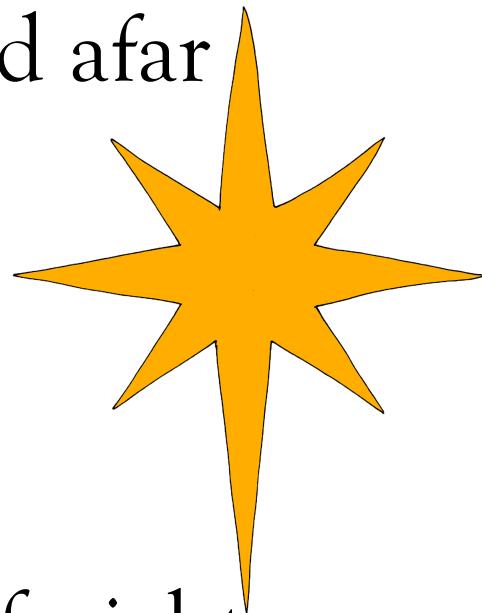
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I will follow Jesus.

We Three Kings

We three kings far from the East are
Bearing gifts, we travelled afar
Field and fountain,
plain and mountain
Following yonder star



O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light