



## **The Polar Express**

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At the heart of the movie “The Polar Express” is the question, ‘What does it take to believe?’. This same question was being asked in Jesus time, and is still being asked today.

Read Matthew 2:1-15 (Message).

Is seeing believing?

- The Magi saw the star and it motivated them to go see the child.
- Herod had the same evidence but it motivated him to panic.

- 1. What evidence did the Magi have that the Christ child had been born?**
- 2. Would you say the Magi were going just on what they saw or did their actions evidence faith; believing without seeing?**
- 3. What evidence did Herod have that the Christ child had been born?**
- 4. What was Herod’s reaction? Why did he react the way he did?**

Is believing seeing?

“I do not understand in order to believe, but believe in order to understand”

Anselm of Canterbury (12th Century Christian philosopher)

- 3. How much evidence do you require to believe?**
  
- 4. Share a time in your journey that you traded seeing for believing; a time you took a leap of faith.**
  
- 5. Is there an area in which you are experiencing doubt because the evidence does not add up to your expectations?**
  
- 6. What are you currently believing for? Commit to pray over this for one another.**