

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

The Wise Men's Crazy Christmas

Say: In today's story, the Wise Men brought Jesus a bunch of different gifts. Who remembers what they were and why they were so special? (*Answer: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. These were gifts people used to honor a king. It was the Wise Men's way of saying that Jesus was the King of the Jews and Savior of the world.*) The greatest gift that the Wise Men gave was the gift of worship. We're going to play a game right now that will help us think about different ways that we can worship Jesus.

Directions: Give each kid a paper plate and one marker or pen. Tell the kids to put the plate on top of their head. One at a time, read the drawing instructions below and have the kids draw while the plates are on their head. When finished with all of the instructions, have the kids take the plate off of their head and show their drawing to each other. The drawings will most likely be hilariously bad. That's okay—have fun with it! Finally, ask the questions below, but follow the corresponding directions that indicate who gets to answer first.

Drawing Instructions:

- Draw a line for the ground.
- Draw a cactus on the ground.
- Draw a star in the sky.
- Draw a camel or horse on the ground.
- Draw a Wise Man on the camel or horse.
- Draw a gift in the hands of the Wise Man.

Question: One of the ways we can worship Jesus is through singing. Do you have a favorite praise or worship song to sing? What do you like about it? (A cactus can't grow if it's not in the ground. Allow kids who have their cactus touching the ground to answer first.)

Question: Another way to worship Jesus is through prayer. What kind of things do you pray for the most? (Touching a cactus can hurt! Allow kids who have their cactus NOT touching the Wise Man or camel to answer first.)

Question: We can also worship Jesus by reading the Bible. What is your favorite story from the Bible and why? (If you drop your gift it will break. Allow kids who have their gift touching the Wise Man to answer first.)



Lesson 5.4

HOMEGUIDE

Name _____

Date _____



draw it!

Imagine you were worshipping Jesus at the manger.
Draw a picture of it.

journal it

There are lots of ways to worship Jesus. You can sing, draw,
write, read the Bible, or help people. What's your favorite way to
worship and why? Write about it.

THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

WISE MEN WORSHIP THE KING OF KINGS

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the King of Kings and worthy of our worship.

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 2:1-12

KEY VERSE: "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star
when it rose. Now we have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2 (NIRV)



read it

Matthew 2:1-12. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



pray it

Write a prayer to Jesus and tell Him why He's the best King ever.

Next Week's Lesson

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

BIG IDEA: Heaven is for those who become born again followers of Jesus.

BIBLE BASIS: John 3:1-21

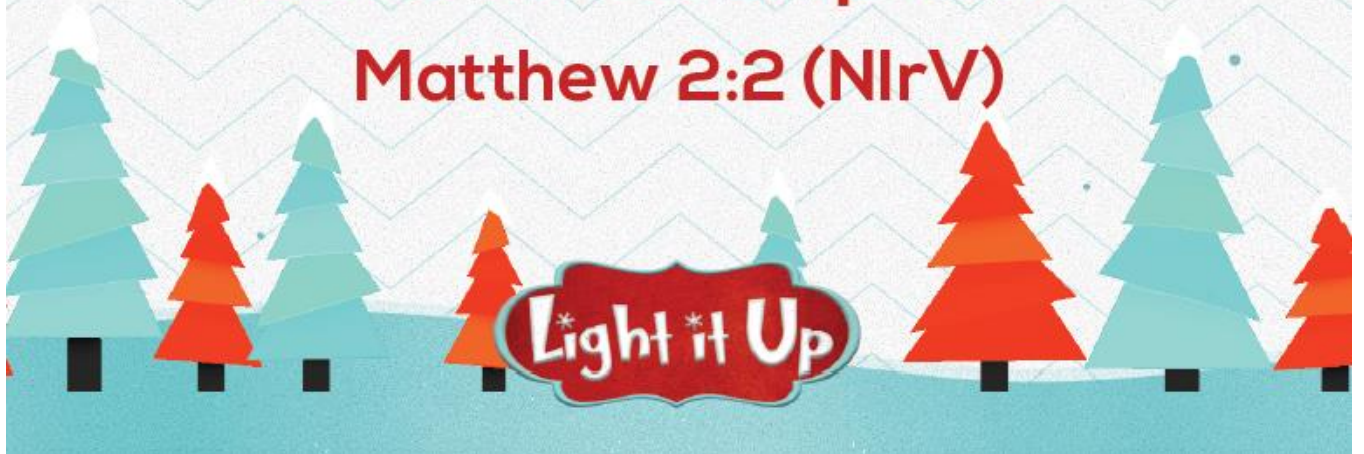
KEY VERSE: "Jesus replied, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. No one can see God's kingdom unless they are born again.'" John 3:3 (NirV)

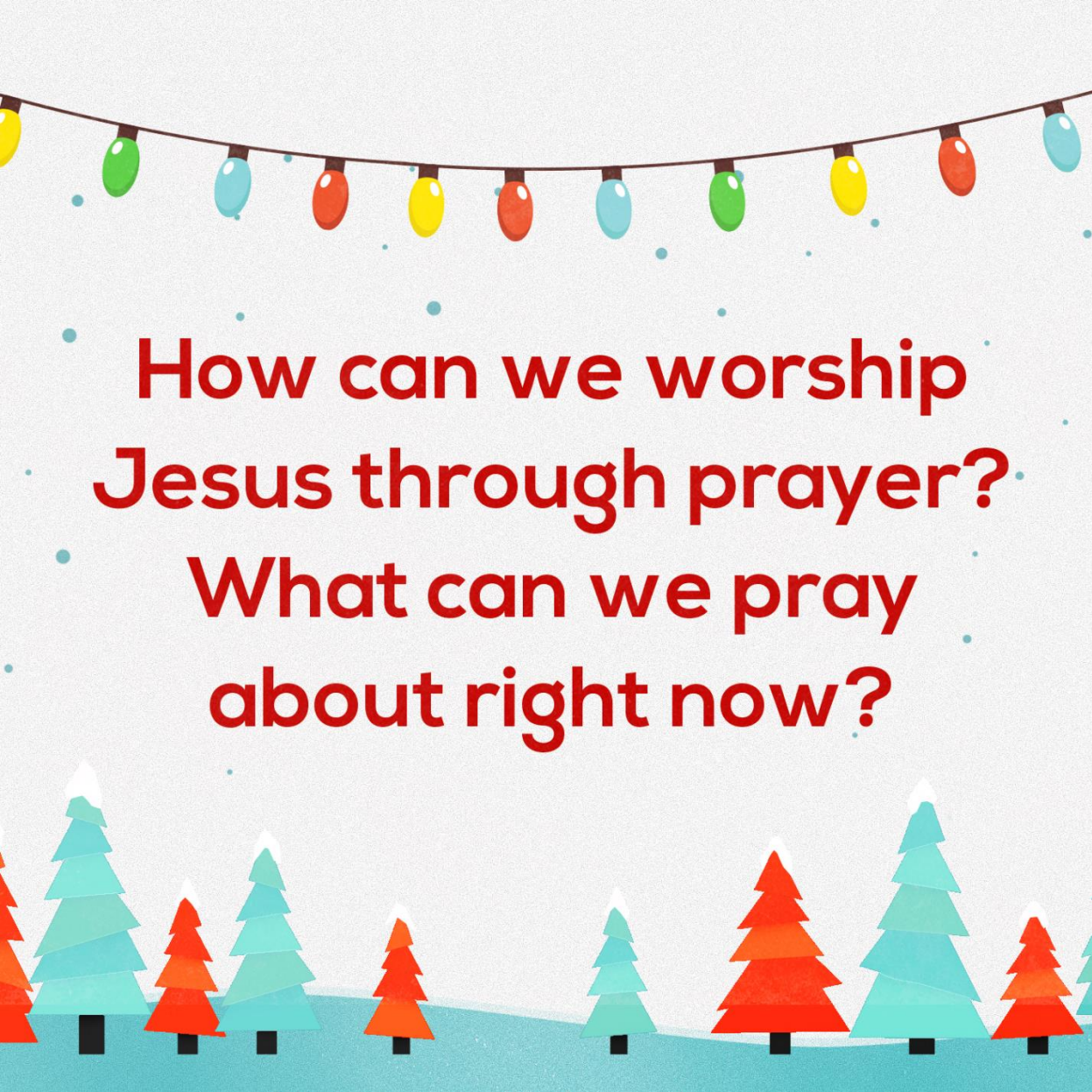


"We saw his star when it rose. Now we have
come to worship him." Matthew 2:2 (NirV)

"They asked, 'Where is the child who has been born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him.'"

Matthew 2:2 (NlrV)





**How can we worship
Jesus through prayer?
What can we pray
about right now?**