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### **Christmas Eve**

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## **Seeking the Savior**

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking...

'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.'

King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, 'Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?'

'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they said, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:'

'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel."

MATTHEW 2:1-6 (NLT)

## **These Three Things**

## 1 HONESTLY SEEK THE TRUTH

"After Jesus' birth, wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem asking, `Where is the one who was born to be king of the Jews? We saw His star rising and have come to worship Him."

MATTHEW 2:1-2 (GW)

### **Wise People Consistently Do This:**

- They are observant and WATCH what's happening in the world.
- 2. They A S K questions.
- 3. They do whatever it takes to find the A N S W E R.

"When you search for Me with all your heart, you will find Me!"

JEREMIAH 29:13 (NCV)

\* God loves TRUTH SEEKERS

# 2 GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM SO HE GIVES YOU A G U I D E

"When they saw the star they could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!"

MATTHEW 2:9-10 (MSG)

### \* What or who is the guiding star in your life?

#### THREE POSSIBLE REACTIONS TO GUIDING STARS

- 1. Herod: F E A R
- 2. The religious leaders: I N D I F F E R E N C E
- 3. Wise men: C E L E B R A T E

"I bring you the most <u>joyful news ever announced</u>, and it is <u>for everyone!</u> Your Savior has been born tonight!"

LUKE 2:10-11 (LB)

## 3 RECEIVE GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

- 1. F O R G I V E N E S S for everything you've ever done wrong in your past.
- 2. PURPOSE to live for today.
- 3. S E C U R I T Y of knowing your home in heaven is there for you when you die.

Jesus said, "My purpose is to give them a <u>rich and</u> <u>satisfying</u> life."

JOHN 10:10 (NLT)

"Thank God for His Son – His gift too wonderful for words."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 (LB)

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