

To what public official announcement did this question lead?

Whose prophecy was thus quoted?

How many distinct announcements were thus made that Jesus had been born?

What classes of the world's society were thus informed that the King had come?

Who were alarmed by the coming and question of the wise men?

What message would have quieted their fears? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

What are the supernatural elements in this story?

Where did the magi find the King they sought?

What command did Herod give the wise men?

## 2. The King Found, v. 9-12.

How were the seekers guided to the King?

How did the sight of the star affect them?

Were they disappointed in finding only a child?

Do the circumstances afford any hint as to his age?

What was the supreme act of these men's lives?

Was the child ever worshiped again in his life?

Of what was this first worship typical?

What gifts did the wise men present to him?

What prophecy was thus fulfilled?

What warning did the men receive?

Where did they then go?

How was the star itself an illustration of Christ's work for men?

What did Jesus call himself when, years afterward, he taught in the temple?

How is Christ the Light of the world?

What is the true title of this King? (Rev. 19. 16.)

What other title does Paul give him? (1 Tim. 1. 17.)

## Practical Teachings.

1. These wise men sought the King where they supposed the King would be, in Jerusalem. He was not there. We often think we see God when we go where earthly wisdom prompts, and fail to find him?

2. These wise men gave the best they had to give—gold, frankincense, myrrh. And we give—what?

3. These Eastern heathen, we should say, told the Church that the King was born. The Church gave answer where he should be born; the heathen sought him, the Church forgot him. Whom are we imitating to-day—the Church or the wise men?

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That we should seek Jesus?

2. That we should worship Jesus?

3. That we should offer our best gifts to Jesus?

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

### 1. Verses 1-8.

1. What Herod is mentioned here? Who were the wise men? From what country did they come? What did their seeking Christ show?

2. How did they find Jerusalem? Will God guide all earnest seekers? Why did they seek Jesus? How would people regard such a journey?

3. Why was Herod troubled?

4. Whom did he call together?

5. What prophet had spoken of Bethlehem?

6. How does Christ rule?

7. What should we learn from Herod's cunning?

8. What did he try to make the people believe?

### 2. Verses 9-12.

9. Why may the wise men have lost the star?

10. At what did they rejoice?

11. Where did they find Jesus? What three kinds of worship did they offer?

12. How could they avoid Herod?

## Teachings of the Lesson.

Our need of forgiveness and help in trouble is as a star to lead us to Christ. The highest wisdom is in seeking Christ. All honest seekers will be guided. Wicked men are troubled by that which brings hope to the world. The presence of Jesus glorifies the lowliest heart or home. Giving should be a part of our worship.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who came to Jerusalem long ago?

For whom were they looking?

What had they seen in the east?

Who had sent them to look for Jesus? **The great God.**

Who was king at this time?

Why was he troubled?

What did he ask the priests to do?

What did they say?

Where did they go to find out?

What did Herod tell the wise men to do?

What did he mean in his heart?

How did the wise men find the place in Bethlehem?

What gifts did they offer to the young child?

Why did they offer gifts to him? **Because he was a king.**

Why did they not go back and tell Herod?

What gifts may we offer to our King?

## Good News for You.

Jesus came to be our King.

He was a child so that he might help children.

He will help and bless the child who trusts him.