WEEK 5 SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Everyone is invited to worship Jesus.

BIBLE

The Magi Visit Jesus:

Matthew 2:1-12; Psalm 148

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Most of us know what it's like to be left out, which is why we try so hard to make sure everyone has a gift at Christmas. This week, we'll hear how Magi made a long trip to look for Jesus, deliver gifts, and worship him after his birth. God invited these men from a far off place to bring gifts and see Jesus because everyone is invited to worship Jesus.

QUESTIONS

- How did the Magi know how to find where Jesus was? They followed a star.
- Why did Herod also want to know where Jesus was? He said he wanted to worship the new king but secretly he wanted to get rid of him.
- What did they do when they finally met Jesus? They worshiped Jesus and presented him with gifts-gold, myrrh, and frankincense.
- Read Psalm 148:5. How do you imagine that parts of God's creation like the stars, the mountains, and the animals praise God?
- What are ways you can worship Jesus?
- What can we do to let more people know they are invited to worship Jesus with us?
- How do we let people know that Jesus is for Everyone is invited to worship Jesus! everyone?

ACTIVITY

For this activity, print the printable on cardstock paper (yellow, if possible) and have kids cut out the triangle. Then have them fold along the dotted lines (scan QR code for



more detailed instructions on how to fold the paper into a star). On the inside, have them write or draw a picture for the person they want to invite, and let them decorate the star with glitter glue and gem stickers. Encourage kids to create as many invites as they'd like!

Just like the bright star pointed the way to Jesus for the Magi, we can be the stars that point others to Jesus, too. Use this card to invite a friend or a relative to church.

MEMORY VERSE: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46–47 (NIV)

