

Game: **Pen the Beard on the Wise Men**
Discussion: **Wise men still come to Jesus**
Scripture: **Matthew 2:1-2**

YOU WILL NEED: *Cut-out brown or black construction paper for the beards, at least one blindfold, and scotch tape.*

Pen the Beard on the Wise Men*

Choose three volunteers—To represent the wise men. Stand them about 5-10 feet from the group. They can't move an inch. They must stand still.

Choose three volunteers—Blindfold all three, spin them around, give them a paper beard with tape on the back and see if they can pen the beard on the wise men.

Have fun playing this game. Give each student a chance to try and switch out your wise men too. If your students are finding them easily, make it harder—spin them around more, make them walk further or around safe obstacles, etc.

Discussion

Ask the students—**How did it feel to wander around trying to find the wise men?**

Ask the students—**Would it have helped if someone had shown you the way?**

SAY: Our Bible lesson today is about some men who traveled a long way to come to Jesus and God showed them the way. **Who do you think we are talking about?**

*SAY: Get your Bibles ready for a Bible Drill.
Ready...Matthew 2: 1-2...Go!
Read the verses.*

Ask the students—**How did God show the way to the wise men?** (He put a star in the sky to guide them.)

SAY: Wise men came following a star from the east to find and worship the newborn King and they brought him gifts.

Ask the students—**Who knows what they brought Him?** (If they still have their Bibles open, they can look it up—it's in verse 11. They brought Him gold, incense (or frankincense) and myrrh.)

Ask the students—**How many wise men were there?** (We don't really know. The Bible doesn't say. There could have been three—they brought three gifts, or there could have been thirty-three.)

SAY: The wise men traveled a long way to find Jesus, and wise men today still follow Jesus and help others to know Him as well.

Ask the students—**The star showed the wise men they way to Jesus...How can you show someone the way to Jesus?**

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