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☆Let's Talk

ASK *What did the wise men see in the sky that led them to Jesus? What did they do when they saw Jesus? Which way did they go when they left Jesus?*

SAY God caused a bright star to guide the men to young Jesus, who lived in Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary. When the wise men saw the child, they bowed down and worshiped him. They gave him wonderful gifts of gold, sweet perfume, and spices. Then they went back to their own country by another way. God warned them not to return to King Herod in Jerusalem. The cruel king wanted to find out where Jesus was so he could harm the young child.

ASK *What was God's plan for his Son, Jesus?*

SAY God's plan was that Jesus would grow up and be the Savior of the world. Nothing could stop God's plan. God's power kept Jesus safe from an evil king!

☆Let's Pretend

Have the children copy your actions as you recall the story this way.

- 1** First, the wise men went to Jerusalem and saw King Herod.
(place open hands on either side of head as though wearing a crown)
- 2** Next, the star led them to the house in Bethlehem where Jesus lived.
(draw large star shape with right index finger)
- 3** Then the wise men worshiped Jesus and gave him special gifts.
(extend arms and hands, palms up)
- 4** Lastly, the wise men returned home another way. *(turn around and walk across the room)*

☆Let's Make

Print the words **God cares for me** in the middle of a large sheet of **poster board**. Remind children that God kept Jesus safe from Herod. Talk about ways Jesus cares for them each day. He gives them families, homes, food, and clothing, and he keeps them safe. Give the children **paper** and **crayons** and have them draw and color one way God takes care of them. Cut out the pictures and **glue** them around the words on the sheet of poster board to make a border. Let the children tell what their pictures show.