**KID JESUS**

Preschool

Week 2

**PARENT BIBLE STUDY**

The Jewish nation had been waiting for the promised Messiah for years. Yet many of them missed Jesus when he actually came. One of those people was King Herod. As king of Israel, Herod should’ve been the one leading the people towards Jesus and using his platform to proclaim that the long-awaited Messiah had come. Instead, he felt threatened and became angry and jealous.

In contrast to Herod’s hostility, the wise men were eager to find and worship Jesus. They were not of Jewish descent, so they had a limited knowledge of who Jesus really was. Yet the wise men knew there was something about him they couldn’t ignore, and they didn’t want to miss out on meeting someone so distinct and special.

Formal *knowledge* of Jesus does not necessarily mean we *know* Jesus. Herod had every resource to fully understand who Jesus was but because of his pride, he saw 2-year-old Jesus as a threat, not an answer. The wise men knew only that the distinct star they saw was important and they followed it. God led them to meet Jesus, their Rescuer, face-to-face.

**We may have a lot of head knowledge, but until that knowledge becomes something deeper, we’ll miss out. Does *knowledge* ever get in the way of *knowing* Jesus? What’s the difference?**

**The wise men teach us not to miss out on the awe and wonder of Jesus. What are some ways you can remember the awe of Jesus and the wonder of what his birth means for you?**