

BIG IDEA: FOLLOW THE STAR**BIG POINT:** WISE MEN STILL SEEK JESUS

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CONNECT TIME

What food do you like to eat most at christmas time?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. How did the shepherds know that Jesus had been born?
2. Why were the wise men following the star?
3. How can we seek Jesus in our lives?

ACTIVITY SHEETS Complete the Activity Sheets in this time.**THE BIG ACTIVITY****Purpose:** To celebrate Christmas by making star ornaments.**Directions:** Children can decorate star ornaments using paint, glitter or pencils and markers for cardboard decorations. When children have finished decorating and the paint is dry, help them to thread some ribbon or string through the top.**Explanation:** The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. Wise people today seek Jesus by reading God's word, praying and doing all they can to know more of who Jesus is. Seeking Jesus isn't about knowing more about Him, it's about growing in our relationship with Him. The Wise men were seeking Jesus himself, not just knowledge about Jesus. Let this star remind you to seek Jesus this Christmas. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."**THE BIG WORD**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) Write sections of the verse on paper and attach them to a variety of cardboard boxes. Wrap the boxes with Christmas wrapping. The children will need to unwrap the boxes, while wearing mittens to make it more challenging, and arrange the boxes putting the verse together in the correct order. Repeat the verse a number of times as a group.

GAME Pin the tail on the Donkey

Children can take turns pinning the tail on the Christmas donkey. Children will hold their donkey tail and wear a blindfold, turn them around a few times to disorient them a little, point them in the direction of the donkey that you've affixed to the wall. The child who can place their donkey tail closest to the right position is the winner.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that when we seek you we can find you, help us to seek you with all our hearts. We don't just want to know about you, we want to know you more than ever before.

In Jesus name, Amen.



BIG ACTIVITY BAKER'S CLAY INSTRUCTIONS



Ingredients:

4 Cups of all purpose flour

1 cup of salt

1 & 1/2 cups of water

(This quantity will make 5 cups of dough)

How to:

1. Preheat oven to 175 degrees C (350 degrees F).
2. Mix together the flour, salt and water.
3. Knead the dough until it's smooth.
4. Roll out dough using a rolling pin and cut into Christmas shapes using cookie cutters.
5. Use a pencil and poke a hole at the top of each shape. (So that when cooled you can tie string through for hanging ornaments).
6. Lay shapes on a lined baking tray and place in the oven for 1 hour.
7. Once cool shapes can be decorated and string tied through.

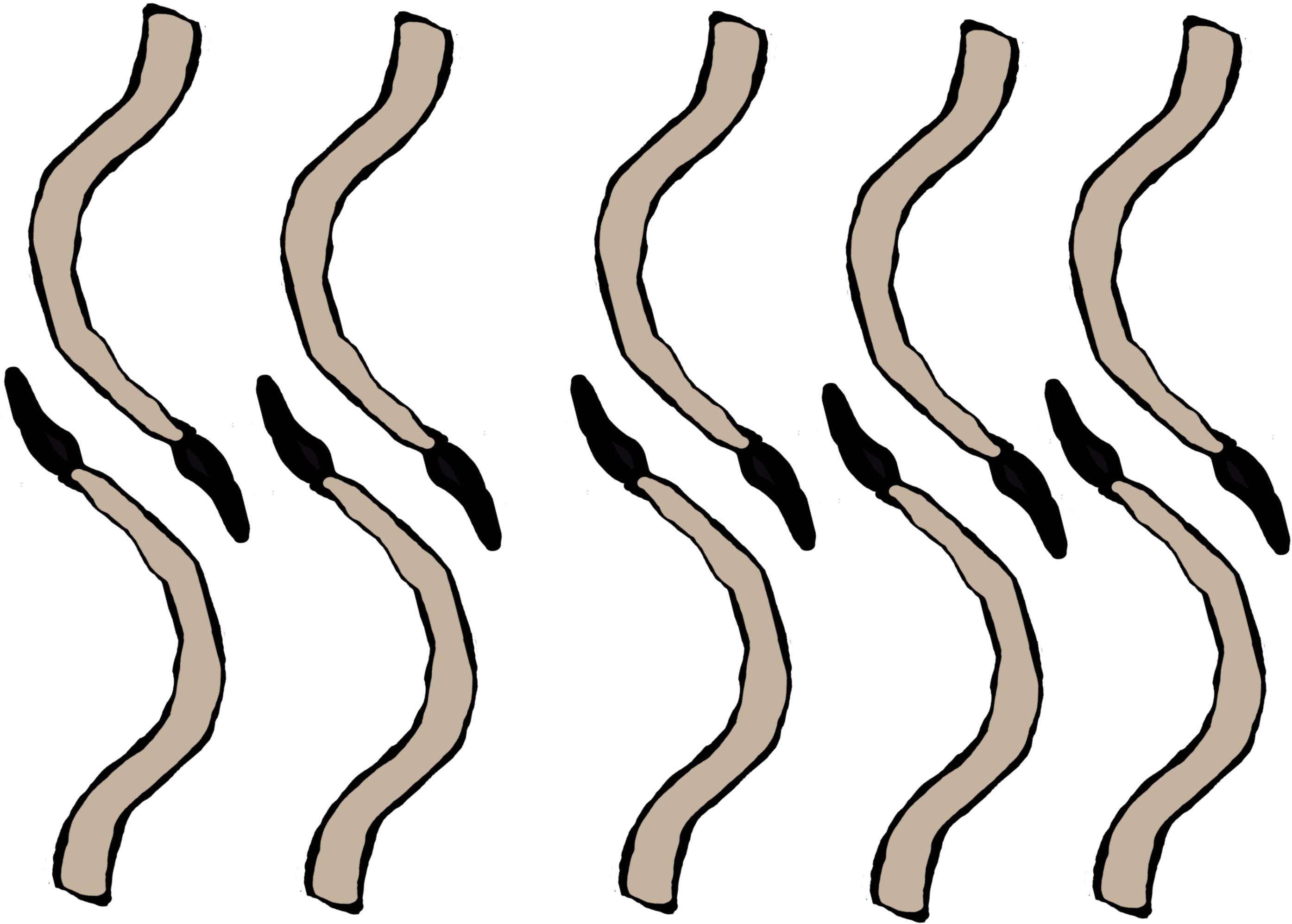


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PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY



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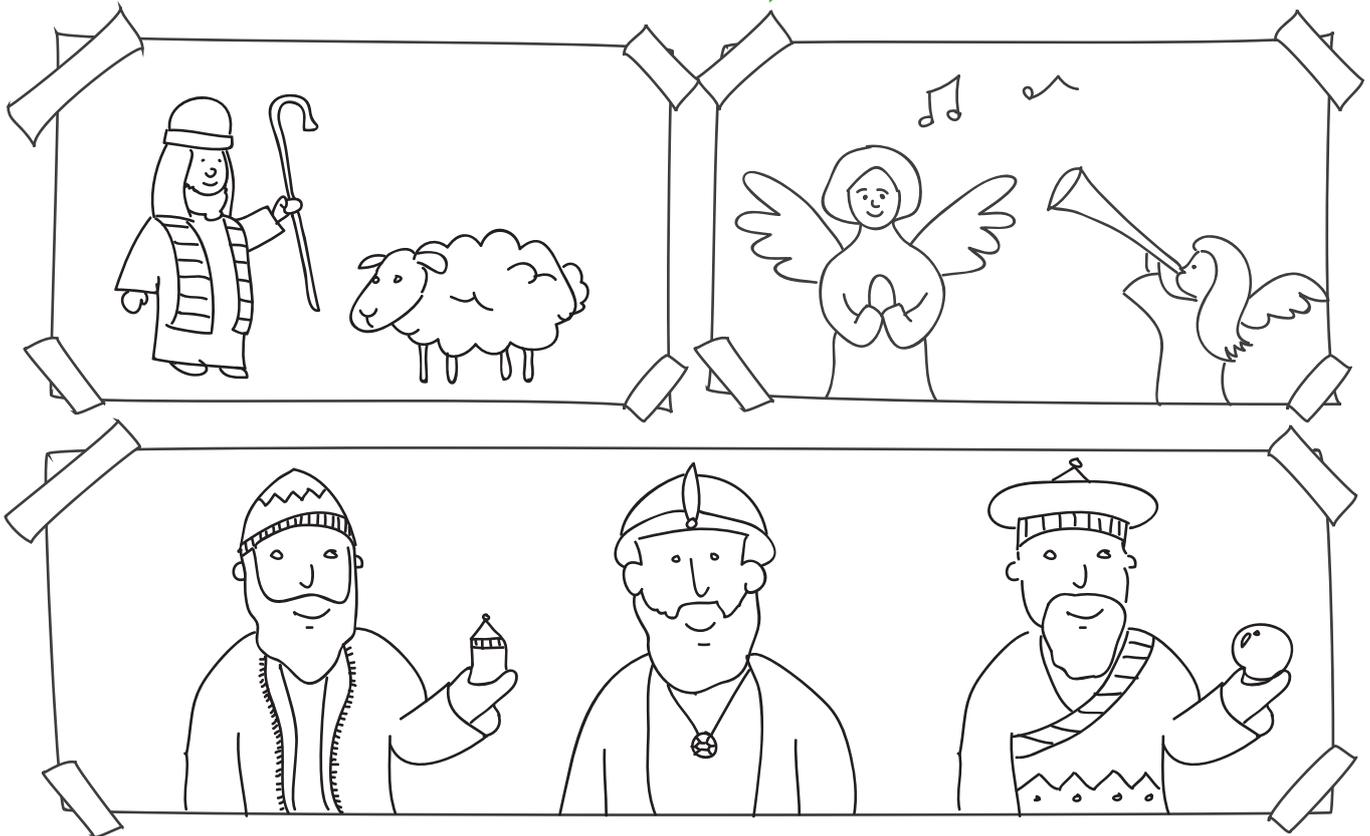
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COLOUR IN THE SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN AND ANGELS



LOOK UP THE VERSE AND FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

Matthew 7:7

“

_____ and it will be given to you, _____ and you will find

_____ and the door will be open to you ”

BIG POINT

TODAY I LEARNT THAT...

Wise men still seek Jesus.

PARENTS

Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!

- 1 Can you know everything about God?
- 2 How did the Shepherds know Jesus was born?
- 3 What can we do to seek Jesus in our lives?