

## Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



### BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

What is your favorite part of Christmas? I bet you will say “Gifts!” Gifts have been a part of Christmas for a long time. It started with a group of wise men that traveled from the east, following a star in the sky. They were seeking the new King that had been born. They brought gifts to Jesus, who by the time they arrived was around two years old. They brought gold, incense and myrrh and gave them as gifts to Jesus. We continue that tradition still today. But as we think about Christmas, we must always keep our eyes on the greatest gift ever given: Jesus! He came wrapped not in paper, but in strips of cloth. He came not to fulfill our wishes, but to give us eternal life! Jesus is the gift promised to us—He is the Messiah!



#### STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 2:1-12 from the NIV  
Pages 270-276 in the [Read with Me Bible](#)

#### STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at [youtube.com/eastviewkids](https://youtube.com/eastviewkids)  
A Very Merry Christmas - Week 4



#### STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

**FOR YOUNGER KIDS:** Follow the Star!

**Materials:** None

Play a game of follow the leader with your family! But in this version, the person who is the leader will hold up the paper star and the others will follow! Be sure to take turns being the leader.

**FOR OLDER KIDS:** The Best Gift Ever!

**Materials:** None

Play 20 questions and have family members try to guess popular Christmas gifts. Some ideas might include: Nintendo Switch, clothes, iTunes gift cards, Legos, board games, bikes, etc.

You will think of one of these items and the others will take turns asking Yes or No questions until they can guess the gift.

After you have played a few rounds, talk about the gifts that your kids received.

Say: What were some other popular gifts this year? Can you remember what you got for Christmas last year? Can you remember what was popular last Christmas? Or the Christmas before that? Every year things change. Some of the gifts you received last year, you may not even play with anymore.

What if you could find a gift that never lost its value? Or its ability to interest you? Only one gift we ever receive never fails us. Only one gift keeps making us better and becomes more exciting as we grow. God gave us this gift thousands of years ago. It came in a simple package without a lot of gadgets, just a simple baby. But that baby would grow to change the world and is still changing the world today. God's gift — JESUS — is the ultimate gift for everyone...it fits all needs and is at the top of every list!



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