Youtube Link for Teachers: <u>https://youtu.be/WtTeDh0HJUo</u>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/JOmzOFJDmiM

Worship Theme: Everyone needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Wise Men from the East https://youtu.be/UFeP7HQQHMo
- 2. Give Praise to Jesus https://youtu.be/PtAbR7-xroM
- 3. Lord I Worship You https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Let's Work Together"

Materials Needed: Small balls (or bottle cap, small round fruit), plastic water bottles 1. Divide the children into groups of four.



2. Set up the table with 4 small balls and 4 water bottles (use plastic water bottles and put water inside to

keep it from falling).

3. Let the first group link arms and walk together to the table so that they can each get a small ball.

4. Then they need to put the ball on the top of the bottle without making it fall.



- 5. The team who has the most balls on the bottle wins the game.
- 6. After the game, explain to the children that the group who won the game had to work together to achieve their goal. The three foreigners in the bible story today worked together to find Jesus because everyone needs Jesus.

Introduction:

Everyone needs Jesus, but not everyone knows it. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Because we have all sinned, we all need Jesus to save us. Everyone needs Jesus! Jesus came for everyone. Today, we will learn about how God led some foreigners to come to Bethlehem from a far away place to welcome Jesus as the King.

Bible Story:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, three wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They went to King Herod of Israel and asked him where the newborn king was. King Herod was not happy to hear this because he was the king. He did not want there to be another king. But the wise men, foreigners from a far away place, explained that they had found and followed a star that was a sign of the newborn king.

So king Herod called his priests and asked them where the Messiah was to be born. They said "Bethlehem." So King Herod told the wise men to go to Bethlehem to find this king and to let him know so that he may go and worship the new king. But King Herod wanted to kill the new king who was born to Israel.

They continued to follow the star and was able to find baby Jesus with his mother. They were overjoyed to meet the Messiah and worshiped him. Although they were foreigners, they knew that they needed a Savior, and they were glad to have found him in Bethlehem. This is a very important story because it shows us that Jesus did not only come for Israel. Jesus came for everyone which includes people from America, Europe,

Africa, China, Australia, and even Cambodia!

We all need love. We all need forgiveness. We all need a Savior. We all need Jesus. Everyone needs Jesus. And when we trust in Jesus and tell him we need him, he will save us. We also must share this Good News with our friends and families so that everyone whom we know may come to know Jesus. Remember, everyone needs Jesus and Jesus came for everyone!

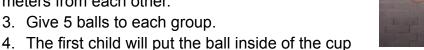
Questions to discuss:

- 1. Who came to Jerusalem to look for Jesus? (The three wise men from the east)
- 2. In what city did they find Jesus as prophesied in the Bible? (Bethlehem)
- 3. Why is this story important? (Because it shows Jesus did not only come for Israel but for everyone in the world)
- 4. How can you share this Good News with others? (let the children answer)

Game: "Catching the Stars"

Materials Needed: Plastic cups, small balls (or bottle caps or candies)

- 1. Divide the children into 2-3 groups and ask them to stand in line.
 - 2. Children from each group should stand 2 meters from each other.
 - 3. Give 5 balls to each group.



and throw it to the next child. The next child will catch the ball and throw it to the next person until the ball reaches the last person.

- 5. The group that throws all 5 balls to the last person first wins the game.
- 6. After the game, explain to the children that the small balls were like the stars. Even if it was not easy to always catch the stars, we must not give up in our search for Jesus because everyone needs Jesus.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Foreign Visitors Worship Jesus" - Coloring Page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.) No matter where we are in life, we can worship Jesus. Reread the story of the Magi's worship in Matthew 2:1-12. Consider this: What do you think of the way you worship Jesus? We can worship anywhere, anyway, anytime we want. But we bear a great responsibility in that no one forces us to (or not to) worship. We should always worship Jesus out of our love and devotion for him. Thank Jesus for his grace, for accepting our worship despite our many sins.

