

# Wise Men

On a cool, clear evening, three wise men looked into the night sky and saw a bright star. The wise men had been waiting for someone important to come into the world. They were waiting for a king. They knew that the star was a sign from God.

“The star is a sign that the king has been born!” the shortest one said.

“We should follow the star and find him!” the tallest one said.

“I’ll pack our bags!” the middle one said.

They left their homes and traveled far to meet this new baby king. They wanted to worship him and give him gifts.





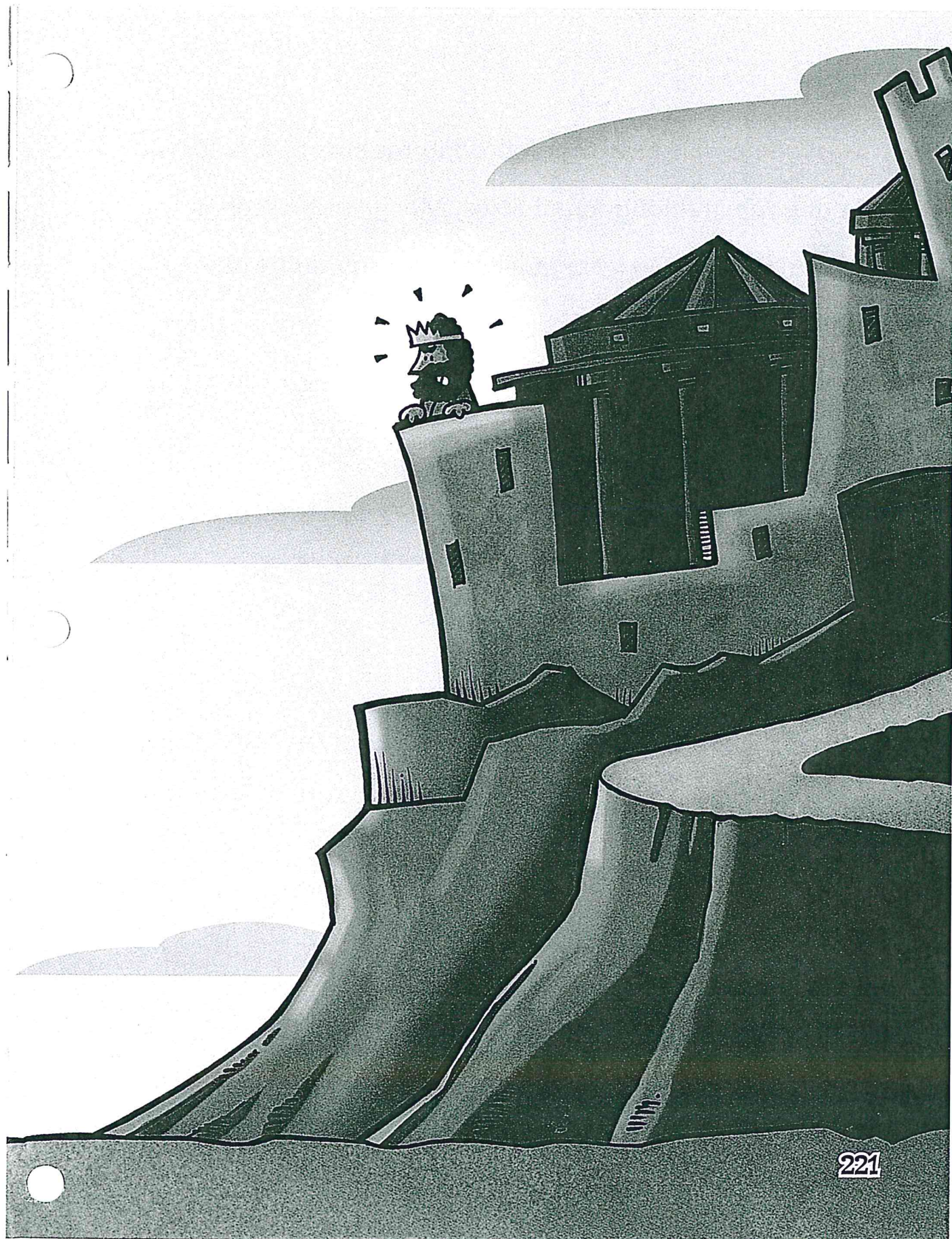


Along the way, they stopped and visited King Herod, the ruler of the that land. "We are following the star to find the baby king," they told King Herod. "Do you know where he is?"

When King Herod heard that the baby king had been born, he was afraid. He thought the baby would grow up and take over. Then Herod wouldn't be the king anymore. So King Herod spoke to the wise men. He pretended to be nice. Herod told the wise men, "I would like to meet the new baby king. Why don't you go find him and come back here and tell me where he is? Then I can go worship him too."









The wise men kept following the star to find the baby. They finally found Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Bethlehem. They were quiet so they wouldn't wake baby Jesus. They knelt beside his bed. He was so tiny!



They kissed his little cheek. "Sleep well, little one," they said, and they left him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Those were very expensive gifts. They were gifts fit for a king.

Later, the wise men decided it was time to go home. They were planning to tell King Herod where they found baby Jesus, but God sent an angel to talk to them in a dream. The angel told them that King Herod was dangerous. So they went home a different way instead.

Jesus was, indeed, a new baby king who surprised the wise men and frightened King Herod. Jesus was God's promise born for us, a gift to all people.



Make a gift for someone special.  
Draw a picture, make a clay sculpture,  
or string buttons into a necklace.