**Biblical Literature II—New Testament**

**Lesson 2.1 “Wise Men Worship the Christ Child”**

Name: Hour:

1. Go back to the class website and click on the links and see how the Wise Men are portrayed:

1. **Wise Men Take One**
2. **Wise Men Take Two**
3. What was the name of the “Fourth Wiseman”?
4. What does this fellow Wiseman want to do?
5. What are the three jewels he takes on the trip?
6. How expensive were these jewels?
7. What happened when Artaban stopped to help the dying man?
8. Why did Artaban give up his Sapphire?
9. Why did Artaban give up his Ruby?
10. What does Artaban do for the next thirty-three years?
11. Why did Artaban give up his Pearl?
12. Who does Artaban meet as he is dying?
13. How does Jesus explain that Artaban had indeed given the jewels to Him?
14. Who had the “Other Wise Man” found?
15. Wise Men Take Three—The Real Story!

2. Just what is [“fact andfiction”](http://www.whychristmas.com/story/wisemen.shtml) about the Wise Men from the East? Click on the link and answer the questions.

1. From where might these Wise Men have come?
2. How many Wise Men came to find the “King of the Jews”?
3. What might have been their educational background?
4. What did the Wise Men know about the “star of Christmas”?
5. What was King Herod’s concern about this child that the Wise Men sought?
6. Where did the Wise Men find Jesus and his parents living in Bethlehem?
7. How old may Jesus have been by this time?
8. Explain the significance of the gifts that the Wise Men brought Jesus.

3. Letting the Word speak for itself:

a. Go and look up [Matthew 2:1-2.](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%202:1-2&version=NIV1984)

1. Why did the Magi travel to Israel?
2. Since they were looking for the King of the Jews, they naturally came first to Jerusalem, the capital. As they asked about the child, how did they refer to him?
3. These men knew the promises and prophecies about this child. Why did they travel so far to find him?

b. Go and look up [Matthew 2:9-12.](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%202:9-12&version=NIV1984)

1. After speaking to Herod, how did the wise men find baby Jesus?
2. Why were they overjoyed to see the star?
3. When they found the Christ Child at a house, some weeks or months after he was born, what was their response?
4. What gifts did they give to Jesus?
5. Herod had asked the Magi to report back to him when they had found the Christ Child. Why didn’t they obey him?
6. How did the Magi avoid Herod?