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THREE CORNERS: RESPONDING TO THE KING

Corner 1: Joseph—Obeyed God’s Message

READ: Matthew 1:18–24.

Joseph was scared and confused when he found out Mary was going to have a baby. But when the angel told him the truth—that this baby was God’s Son—Joseph listened and obeyed.

ANSWER:

- What do you think it was like for Joseph to trust God in such a hard situation?
- Have you ever had to obey even when it was hard or didn’t make sense?

OPTIONAL ACTION: Have kids pretend to be Joseph sleeping and then waking up and nodding “yes” to God’s plan.

Corner 2: Wise Men—Searched for the King

READ: Matthew 2:1–11.

The Wise Men saw a special star in the sky and believed it meant the King had been born. They traveled a long way, brought gifts, and worshiped Jesus when they found him.

ANSWER:

- Why do you think the Wise Men were willing to travel so far?
- What would you bring as a gift to Jesus?

OPTIONAL ACTION: Let kids pretend to walk through a desert and then kneel to present a gift to Jesus.

Corner 3: Herod—Rejected the King

READ: Matthew 2:1–3 and 2:13–16.

King Herod wasn’t excited about the new King. He was afraid someone would take his throne, so he tried to stop God’s plan.

ANSWER:

- Why do you think Herod was scared of Jesus?
- What happens when people want their own way instead of God’s way?

OPTIONAL ACTION: Let kids make a crown shape with their hands and then take it off as a way to say, “Jesus is King, not me.”