



# Everlasting Father

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**Everlasting Father** - Matthew 2:1-16

When something is everlasting, it means that it will never end. When King Herod learned that Jesus had been born, he knew his kingdom was coming to an end, so he tried to stop Jesus - but Jesus' kingdom will never end and His rule is not that of a distant King but of a loving Father.

## MEMORY VERSE

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called  
**Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

## SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God, It is so good to know you are always there for us! In Jesus' name, Amen

## SONGS

<https://youtu.be/tkGhCcF6FnY>

<https://youtu.be/GmzOtBjbRDQ>

## LESSON

### Read Scripture reference

King Herod was very anxious listening to these men. They spoke about ancient prophecies and a king whose kingdom was said to last forever. Herod thought maybe someone was coming to try to get rid of him and steal his own throne! If only he knew Jesus had come to be his king and Saviour too, he could have found joy with the wise men!

The wise men were looking for Jesus because they knew the ancient prophecies. They may even have known that Jesus would be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace!

Jesus is the everlasting king, but not just a king. The prophecy of Isaiah calls him the everlasting father. When we read through the gospels in the Bible its not hard to see why he's called a father. We see Him compassionately helping and healing, teaching His disciples like a father teaches His children. Telling stories just like your dad might. He encourages them when they need it, and lovingly and gently disciplines, showing the right way.

Jesus wants everyone to receive Him as their saviour. He wants to be our Father now and for eternity, when we will enjoy everlasting life with Him.

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

**9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**13** When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

## MAKE IT STICK!

### 5 Simple Ways to Make This Week's Lesson Stick



#### IN THE CAR:

ask your child what he learned about this week:

When something is everlasting, it means that it will never end. When King Herod learned that Jesus had been born, he knew his kingdom was coming to an end, so he tried to stop Jesus. Jesus loves us like a good father, and we can take comfort knowing that Jesus' love and Jesus' kingdom will never end. Matthew 2:1-16, The Magi and King Herod



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids to name some good things that God has done for them.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

Who were the Magi looking for?

Why didn't Herod get that the birth of Jesus was a good thing?

What makes Jesus the Everlasting Father?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)



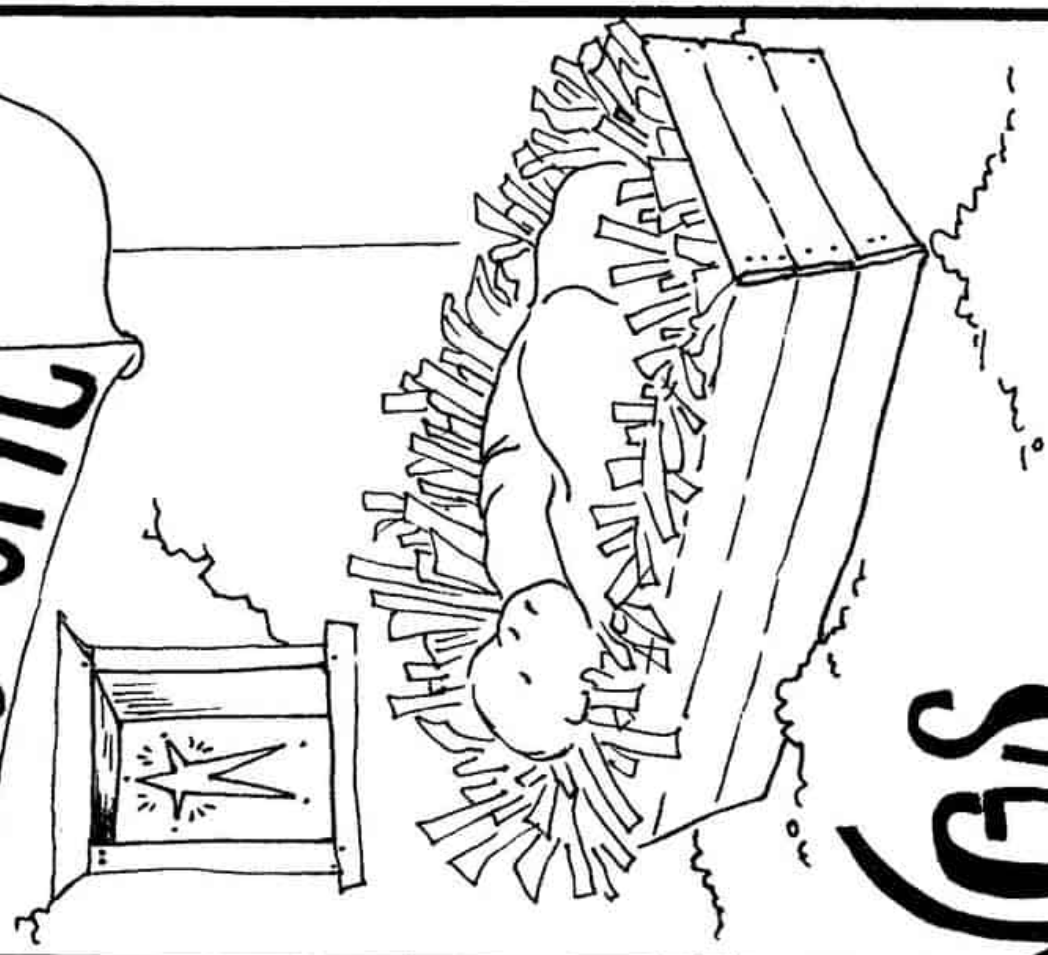
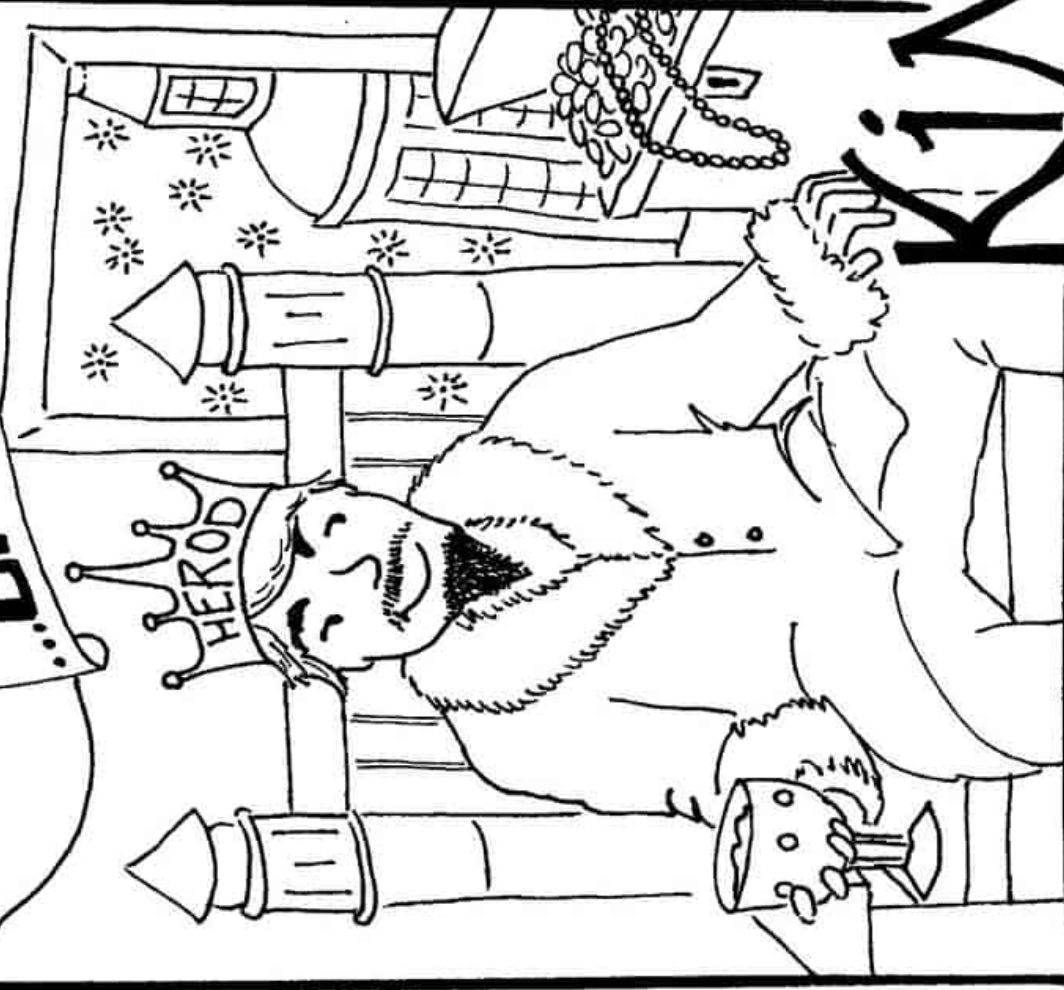
#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Jesus loves us like a loving father. His love has no end, and if we trust in Him, we will have everlasting life. Ask God to lead your kids to make a decision to follow Jesus so they can receive the gift of eternal life.



Two... very... different



KINGS

# The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).



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PRIESTS

GOD

STAR

WORSHIPED

MYRRH

CHILD

MAGI

EAST

BETHLEHEM

HOUSE

TEACHERS

SEARCH

KING

INCENSE

WORSHIP

BORN

CHRIST

MARY

MOTHER

HEROD