
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 2, Bible Truth 2

The Case of the New King *Matthew 2*

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

1. Everyone in Jerusalem was excited. Magi, important men from faraway, had come, saying, "Where is your new king? We saw a bright, new star in the sky. It tells us that he's been born and is very great. We want to worship him."
2. King Herod heard about the Magi and he was worried. "What if this baby is the Christ, the great King God promised to send? HE would be king instead of me. I must find him and get rid of him!"
3. Herod called in the Bible teachers, and demanded, "Where is the Christ, God's great Savior-King, supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem," they replied. "That's what God promised in His Word many years ago," the teachers told Herod.
4. Herod called for the Magi, and said, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the young child. When you find him, come back and report to me. I want to go worship him, too," he lied. Herod didn't plan to worship the baby king at all. He planned to get rid of him!
5. The Magi obeyed Herod. The star went before the Magi and led them to a little house in Bethlehem. The door opened, and who did they see?
6. Mary, Joseph, and little Jesus! God's Word had been true! It could be trusted. Here was the great King they had been looking for. The Magi worshipped Jesus, giving him their expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
7. God warned the Magi, and they never went back to King Herod. God sent an angel in a dream to warn Joseph, too. Herod's plans failed. God's plans came true. They always will. God always wins!
8. Baby Jesus grew up into a man. He showed everyone what God is like. He taught about God and did amazing things by God's power. Jesus lived a perfect life; and then, He did the most amazing thing of all...
9. He died on the cross, giving His life as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, and went to rule in heaven, just as God's Word promised. Yes, God's plans came true. They always do! God always wins!