

# One Bright Star

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## Narrative Passages

[Tracks 1 & 11] One Bright Star. There is a place where gentle breezes lift the sands, carrying them for miles along dusty plains. There is a place where the scent of the sea lingers on the air, and where cypress trees grow tall and lean, proud and majestic. There is a place that was destined to see the face of a child born to save. It was here, one winter evening, that a young girl had a rather unusual visitor. But the news he brought with him was even more extraordinary.

### Gabriel's Message

⦿ Tracks 2 & 12

[Track 3] And so it was that Mary was carrying a child. Not just any child, the Son of God Himself: God in human form. This sort of news is hard to keep quiet! Soon, three Wise Men from the east were making their way to find the child who was to become king of the Jews. They had a very long way to travel, but they kept their eyes fixed on the bright star they believed would show them the way.

### Journey of the Magi

⦿ Tracks 4 & 13

[Track 5] Meanwhile, in a completely different place, a group of shepherds were tending their sheep on a hillside. It had been a hard day. The cool of the evening was beginning to take hold, making them shiver, but they didn't take any notice. As they surveyed the night sky they knew so well, they spotted an unfamiliar star, shining brighter than anything else in the sky. This seemed strange enough, but they were to experience many more incredible things before sunrise.

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⦿ Tracks 6 & 14

[Track 7] There was one man who was not praising God that night. Far from it! Herod, the king, was not impressed when he heard rumours of a rival. He was a powerful ruler, and he didn't like competition. As far as he was concerned, he was the only king worth knowing about. Herod would get rid of anyone who got in his way. He sent for the Wise Men, telling them to bring a report as soon as they found the baby.

### King Herod

⦿ Tracks 8 & 15

[Track 9] God was one step ahead of King Herod. He warned the wise men in a dream that they should not report back to Herod, so he wouldn't know where to find the baby. Meanwhile, the star continued to shine brilliantly in the sky over Bethlehem. As the Wise Men and shepherds came to bow before the King of Kings, Mary held Him in her arms, gazing in wonder at the son of God.

### Welcome, Jesus!

⦿ Tracks 10 & 16