

# Printout 1A

## CHARACTERS

- Narrator (leader)
- Wiseman 1
- Wiseman 2
- Wiseman 3
- King Herod
- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- Baby Jesus (a baby doll)

## SCENE 1: THE WISEMEN SEE THE STAR

*(Narrator stands to the side of the stage.)*

**Narrator:** Long ago, in a land far away, three wisemen saw a special star in the sky. This star signaled the birth of a new king, the King of the Jews.

*(Wisemen enter, looking up at the sky.)*

**Wiseman 1:** Look, a star! It is so bright and beautiful. It must mean something very special.

**Wiseman 2:** Yes, it is the star of the new King. We must follow it and find him.

**Wiseman 3:** Let's bring gifts to honor the new King. I will bring gold.

**Wiseman 1:** I will bring frankincense... *(Turns to crowd)* That is a good-smelling perfume.

**Wiseman 2:** And I will bring myrrh... *(Turns to crowd)* That's another good-smelling perfume.

**Narrator:** And so, the wisemen set out on their journey, following the star.

*(Wisemen walk to the other side of the stage.)*

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### SCENE 2: THE WISEMEN MEET KING HEROD

*(King Herod sits on his throne.)*

**Narrator:** The wisemen traveled far and wide until they arrived in Jerusalem. There, they went to see King Herod.

*(Wisemen approach King Herod.)*

**Wiseman 3:** Greetings, King Herod. We have come to find the new King of the Jews. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.

**King Herod:** A new king? (Pretends to be kind) How interesting! Please, find this child, and let me know where he is so that I too may go and worship him.

*(Wisemen nod and leave the stage.)*

**Narrator:** But King Herod did not really want to worship the new King. He was afraid the new King would take his throne.

### SCENE 3: THE WISEMEN FIND JESUS

*(Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus are on the stage. The star is above them.)*

**Narrator:** The wisemen followed the star until it stopped over the place where Jesus was.

*(Wisemen enter and kneel before Baby Jesus, presenting their gifts.)*

**Wiseman 1:** We bring gold, a gift fit for a king.

**Wiseman 2:** We bring frankincense, a symbol of prayer.

**Wiseman 3:** And we bring myrrh, a sign of sacrifice.

*(Mary and Joseph smile and thank the wisemen.)*

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### SCENE 4: THE ANGEL WARNS THE WISEMEN

*(Angel appears to the Wisemen as they sleep.)*

**Narrator:** That night, an angel appeared to the wisemen in a dream.

**Angel:** Do not go back to King Herod. He means to harm the child. Return to your country by another way.

*(Wisemen nod in their sleep.)*

### SCENE 5: THE WISEMEN DEPART AND HEROD'S REACTION

*(Wisemen wake up and leave the stage quietly.)*

**Narrator:** The wisemen obeyed the angel and returned home by taking a different way. When King Herod realized he had been tricked, he was very angry.

*(King Herod stands up angrily.)*

**King Herod:** Those wisemen have tricked me! But I will find this child and make sure he does not take my throne!

**Narrator:** But Joseph was also warned in a dream by an angel to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, where they would be safe from Herod.

*(Joseph leads Mary and Baby Jesus off the stage.)*

**Narrator:** And so, the wisemen returned home, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus went to Egypt, and King Herod's plan was foiled. The new King, Jesus, would grow up to bring hope and peace to the world.

*(Everyone returns to the stage for a final bow.)*

**Narrator:** And that is the story of the wisemen and the birth of Jesus. Merry Christmas to all!

*Ask students to have a seat.*

## Printout 2

### **THUMB: God created us to be with him.**

Genesis 1:27

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

### **INDEX FINGER: Our sins separate us from God.**

Romans 3:23

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

### **MIDDLE FINGER: Sins cannot be removed by good works.**

Ephesians 2:8-9

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

### **RING FINGER: Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.**

Romans 5:8

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

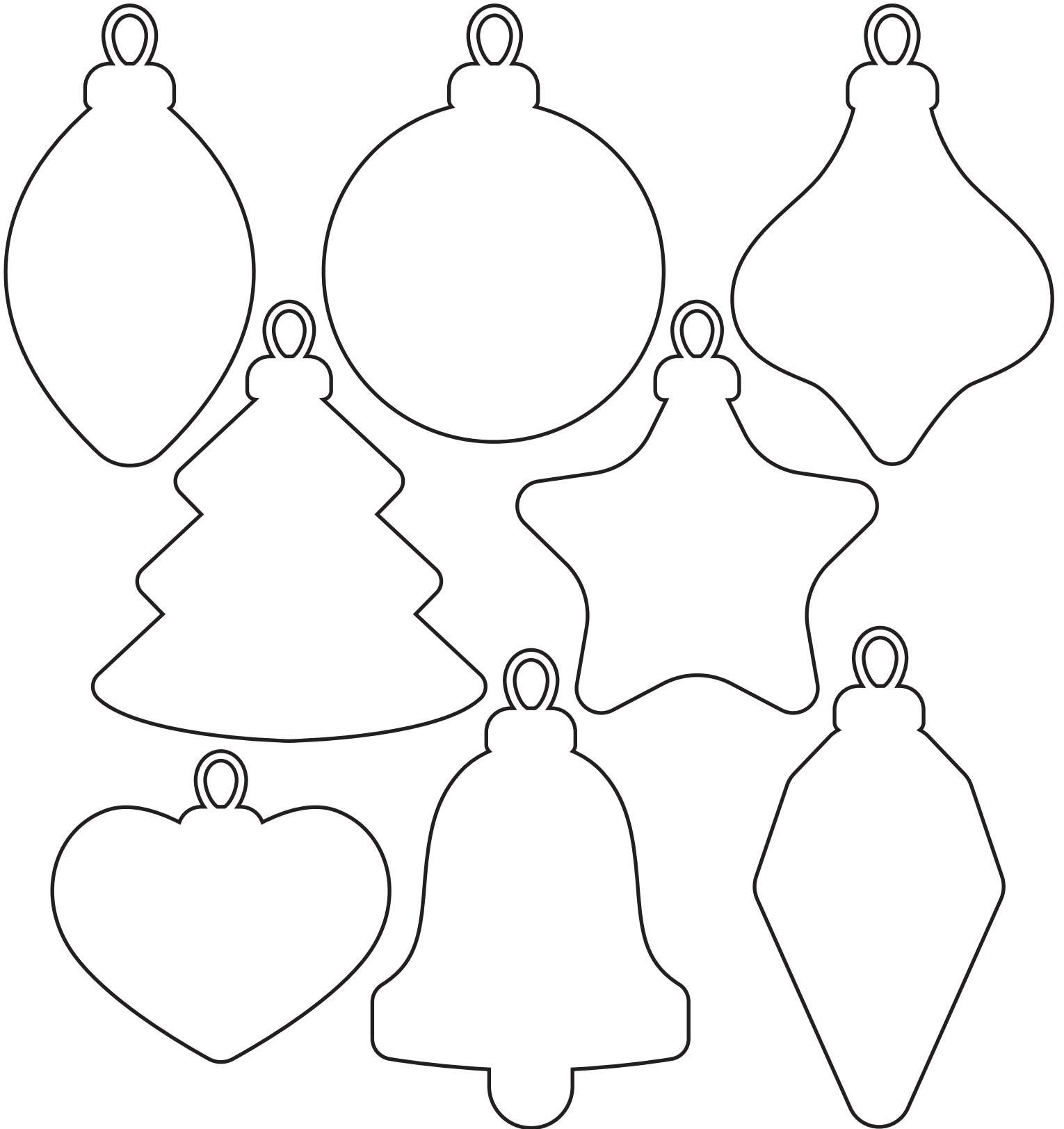
### **LITTLE FINGER: Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.**

John 3:16

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”



### Printout 3



## Memory Verse Cards

### MEMORY VERSE

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