

Feast of the Epiphany

6th January

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Our Gospel Value this
week is

Courage

Our Virtue this week is

Fortitude

**We gather together to love,
value and respect each
other within our Catholic
family, to nurture each
individual's talents and skills
as Jesus taught us.**

Peace be with you
and with your Spirit



Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word

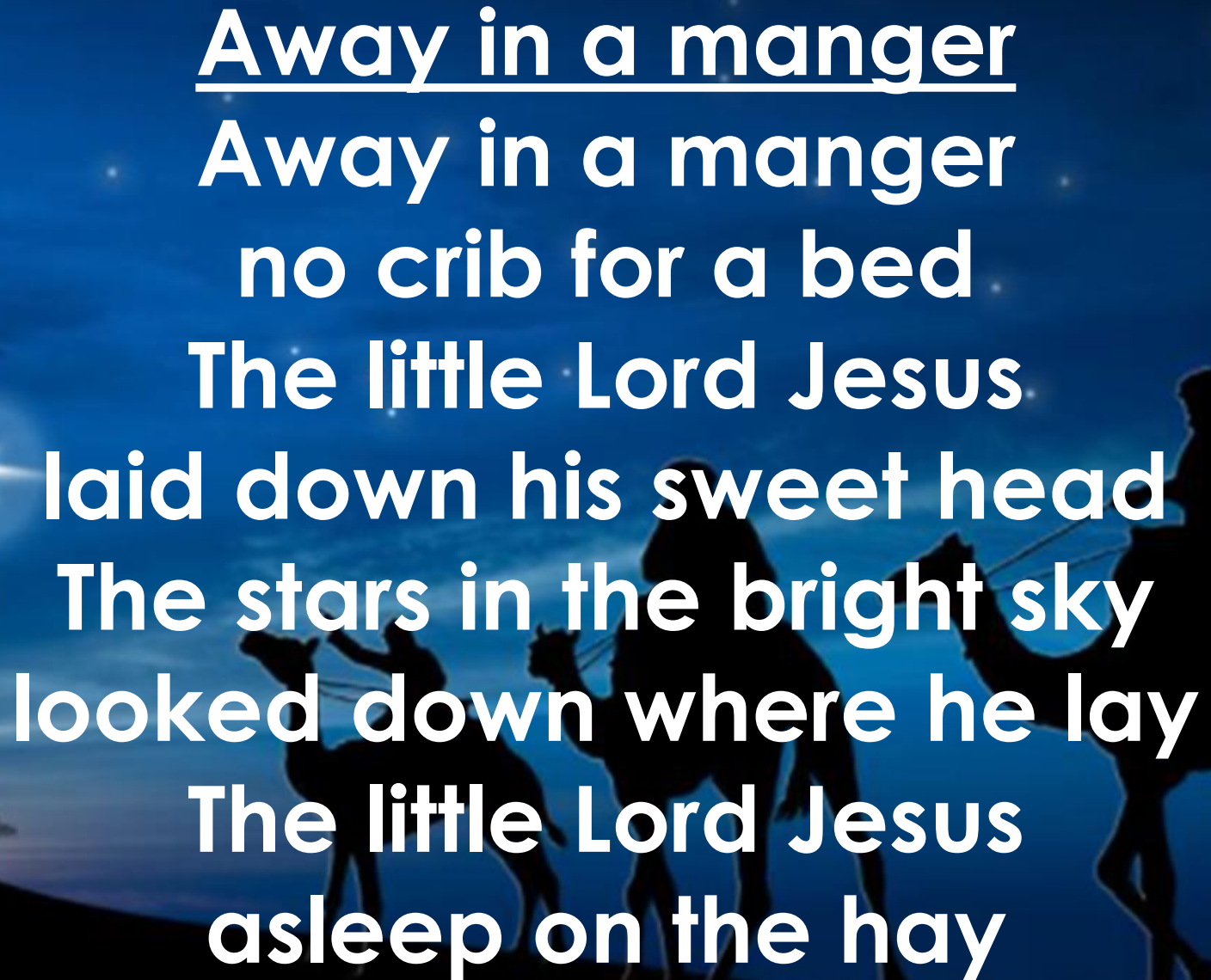
... **speak to us your truth**



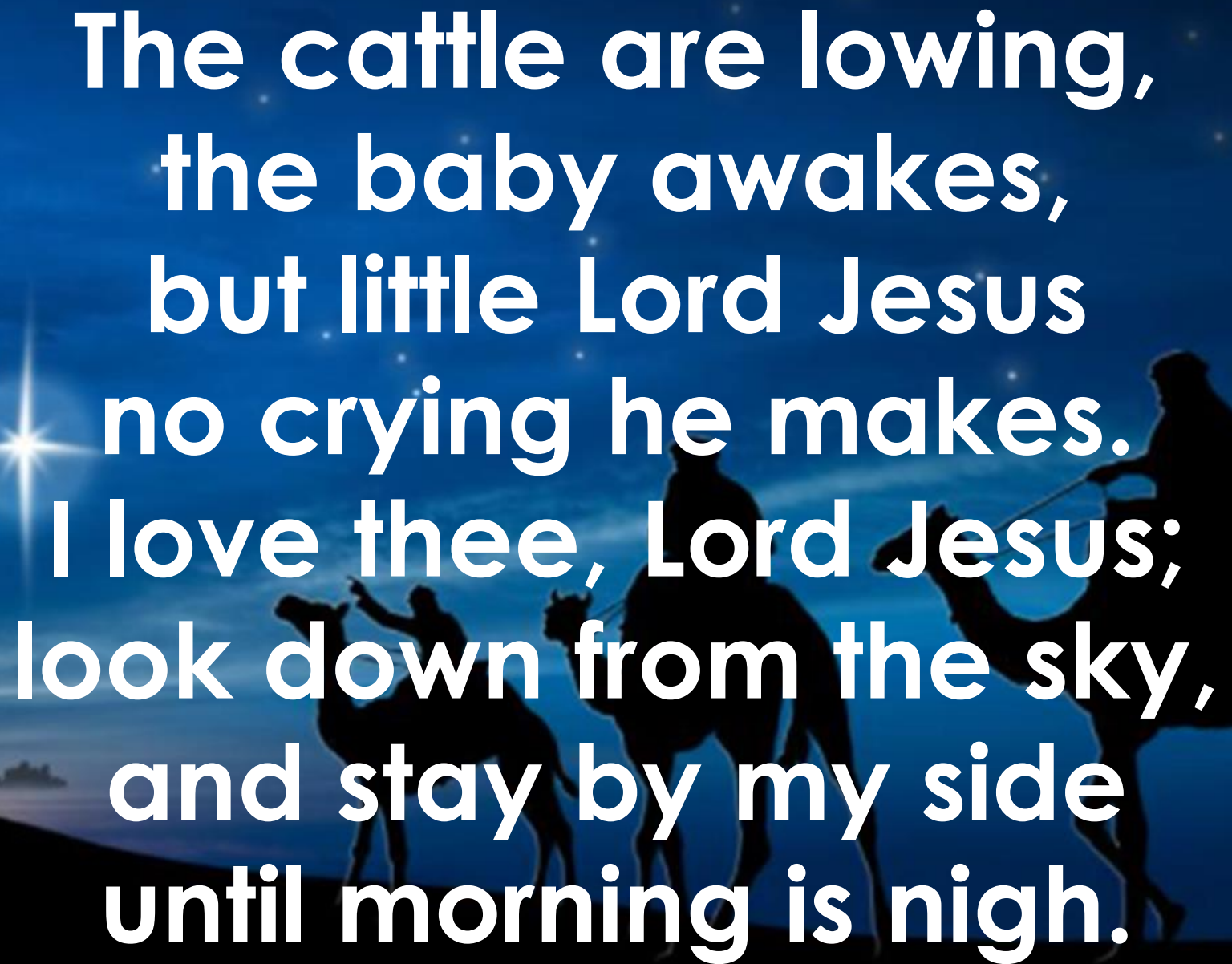
Jesus Christ God's love
revealed

... **dwell among us**

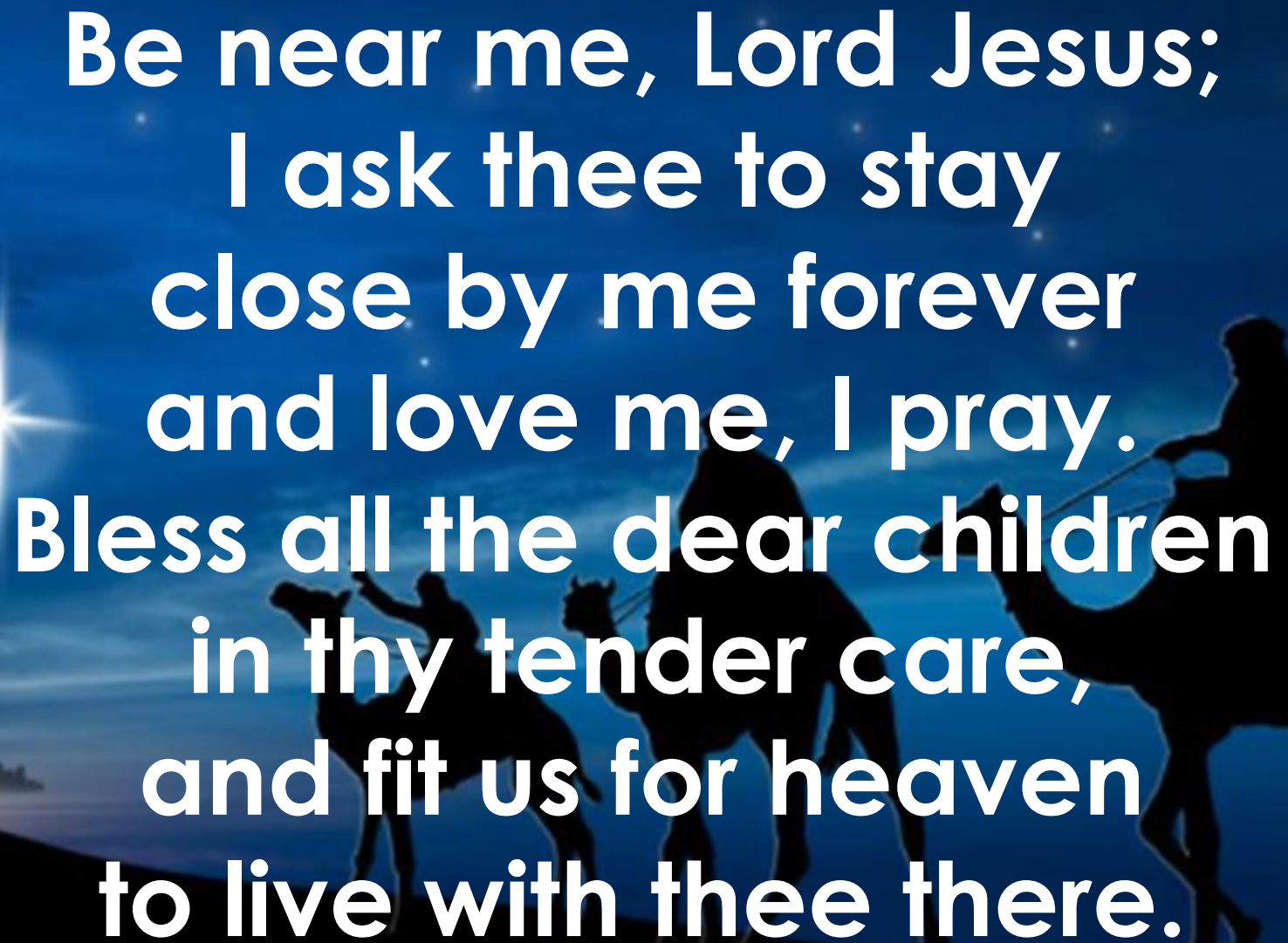


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Away in a manger
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no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

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The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus
no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus;
look down from the sky,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

A night sky with a bright star and silhouettes of the Three Kings on camels. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.**

Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**



We Say Sorry

You call us to follow you
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You ask us to love one another
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You open your arms to all of us
Lord, have mercy.

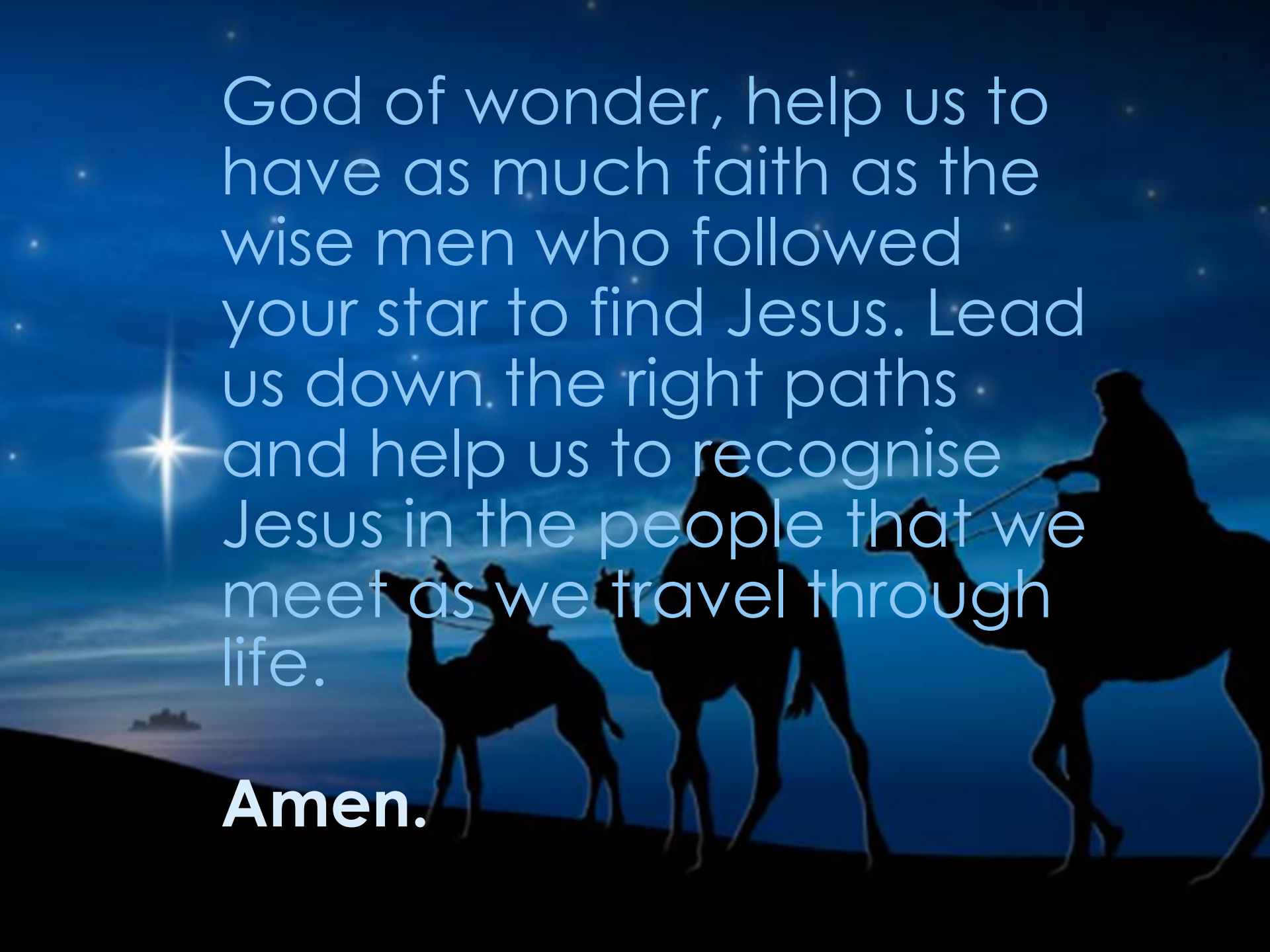
Lord, have mercy.



Today we will hear about
some wise men who
followed a star and
came to visit Jesus.

Let's think a bit about
how we follow God in
our lives...



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God of wonder, help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus. Lead us down the right paths and help us to recognise Jesus in the people that we meet as we travel through life.

Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Arise, and shine like the sun;
The glory of the Lord is shining on you!**



Responsorial Psalm

**All the nations will bow
down before you, O Lord.**



Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



We listen to the word

Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

May the words of Jesus be

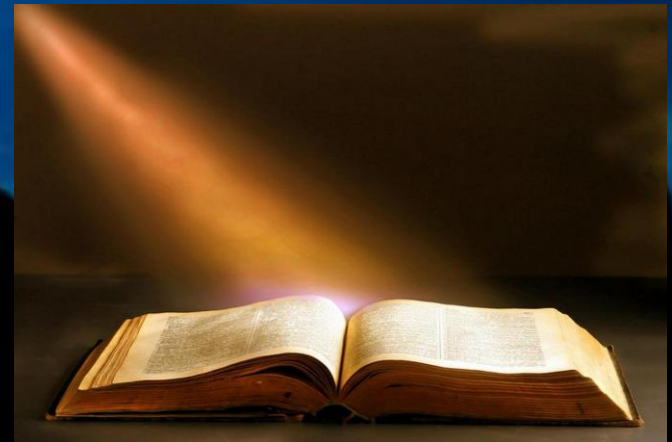
On my mind

On my lips and

In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord

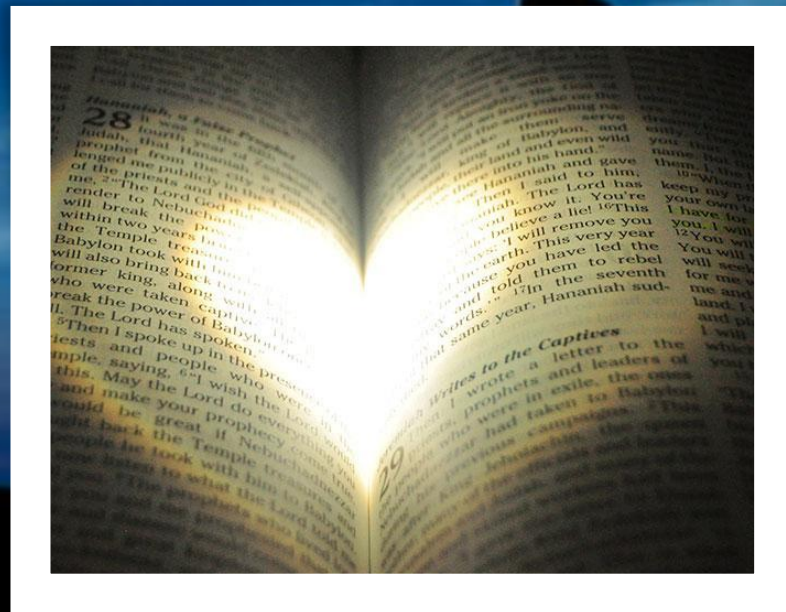
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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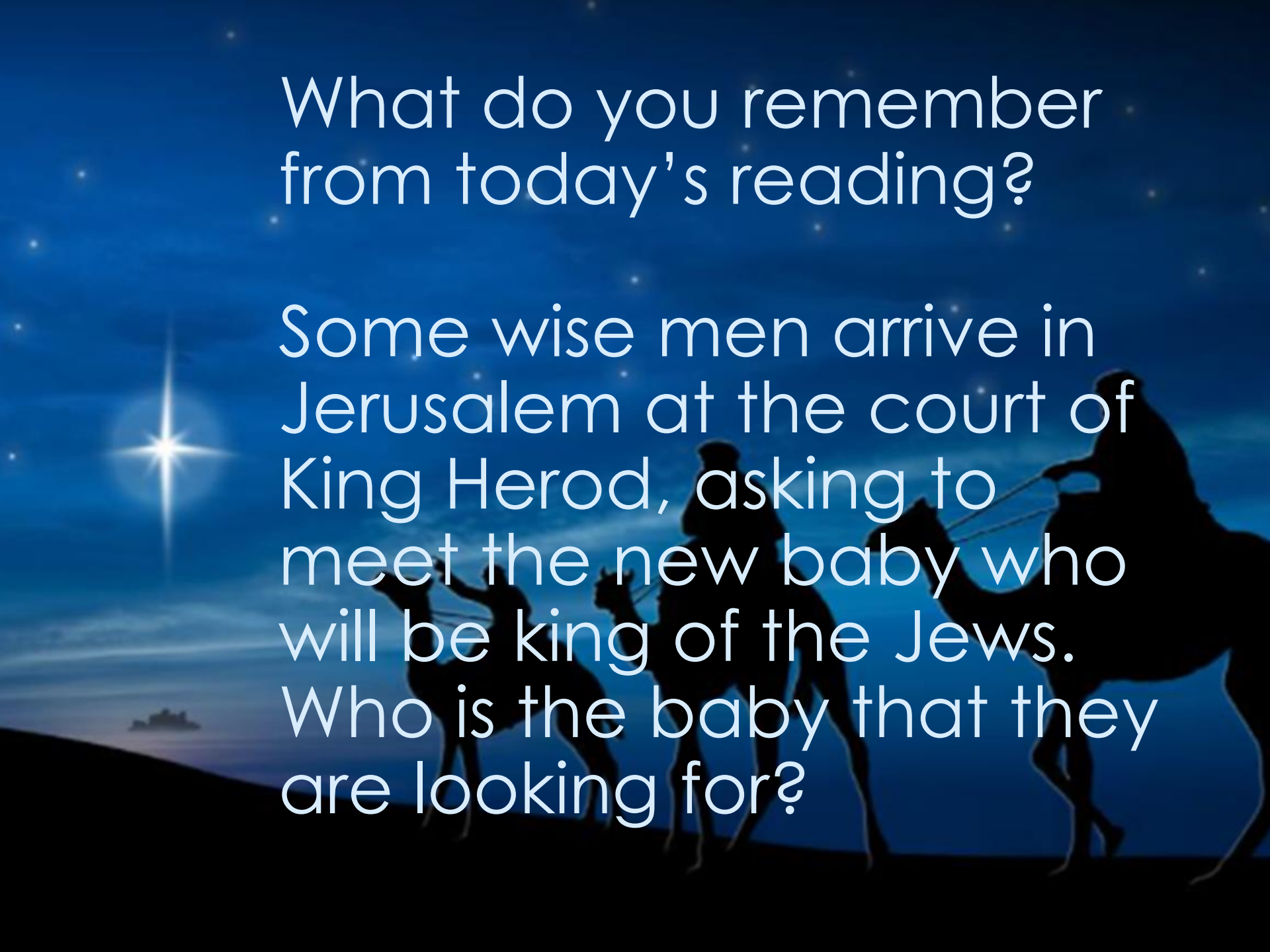


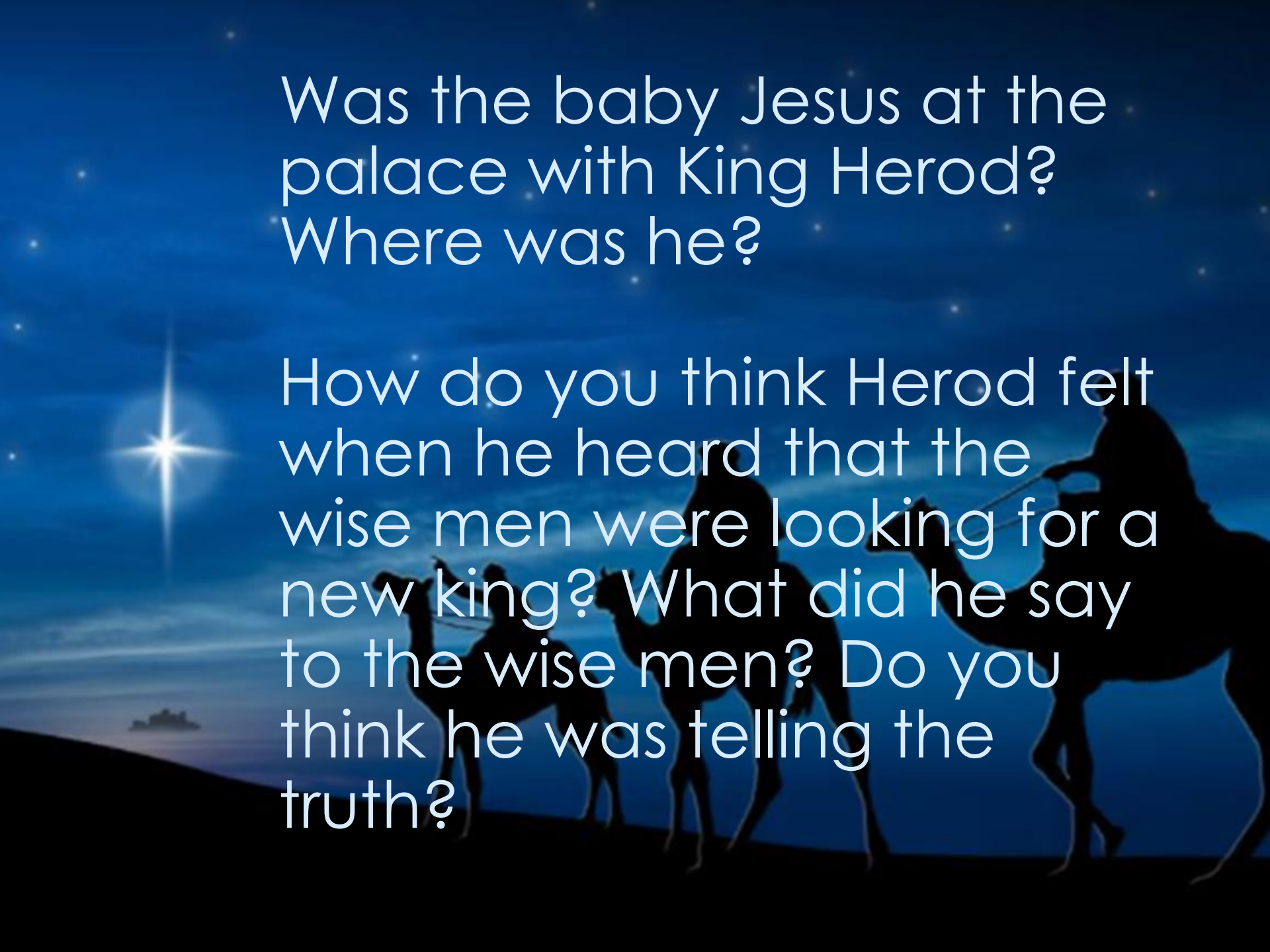
We are still and silent as
we reflect on God's
word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember from today's reading?

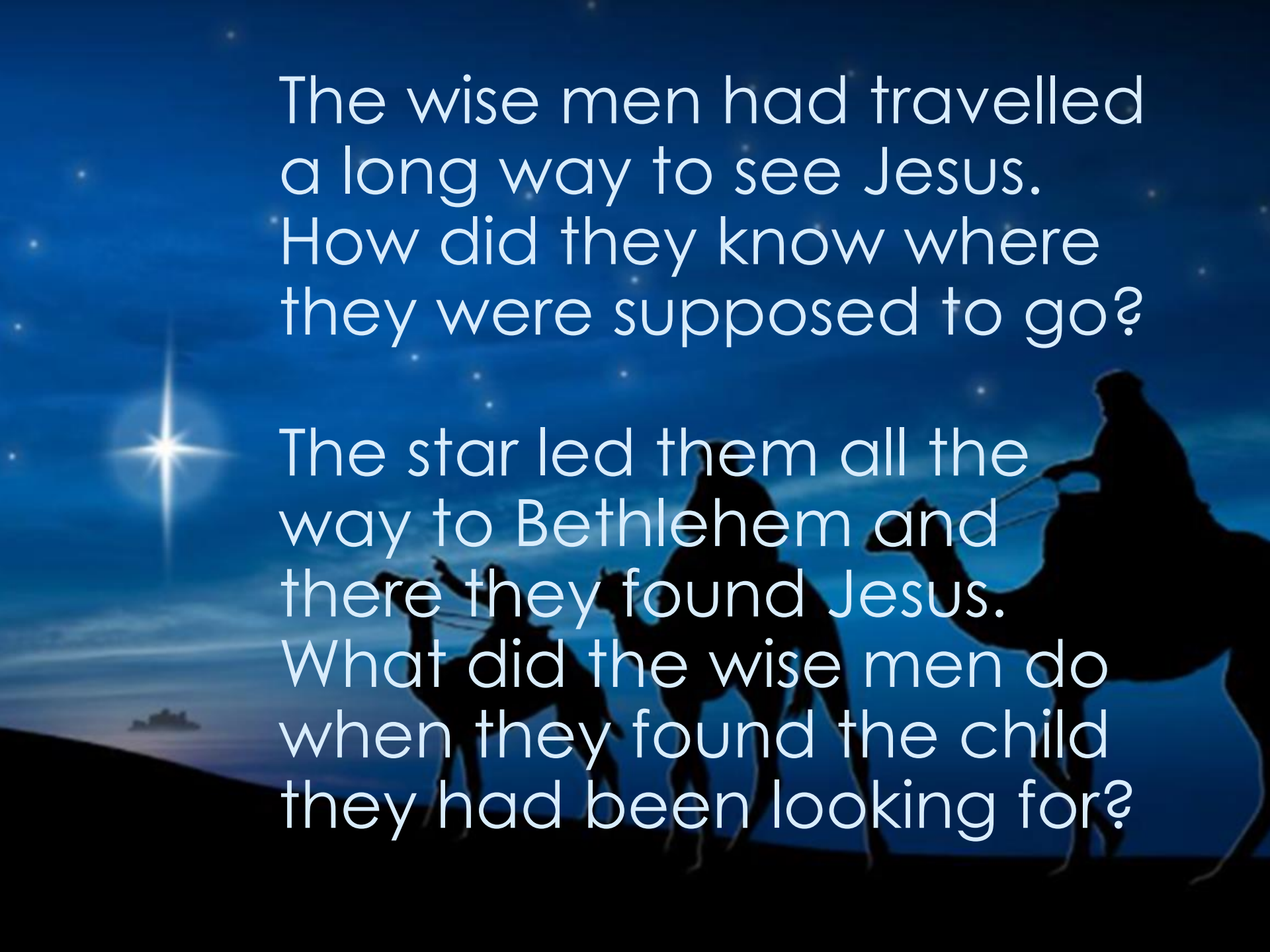
Some wise men arrive in Jerusalem at the court of King Herod, asking to meet the new baby who will be king of the Jews. Who is the baby that they are looking for?

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Was the baby Jesus at the palace with King Herod?
Where was he?

How do you think Herod felt when he heard that the wise men were looking for a new king? What did he say to the wise men? Do you think he was telling the truth?

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The wise men had travelled
a long way to see Jesus.
How did they know where
they were supposed to go?

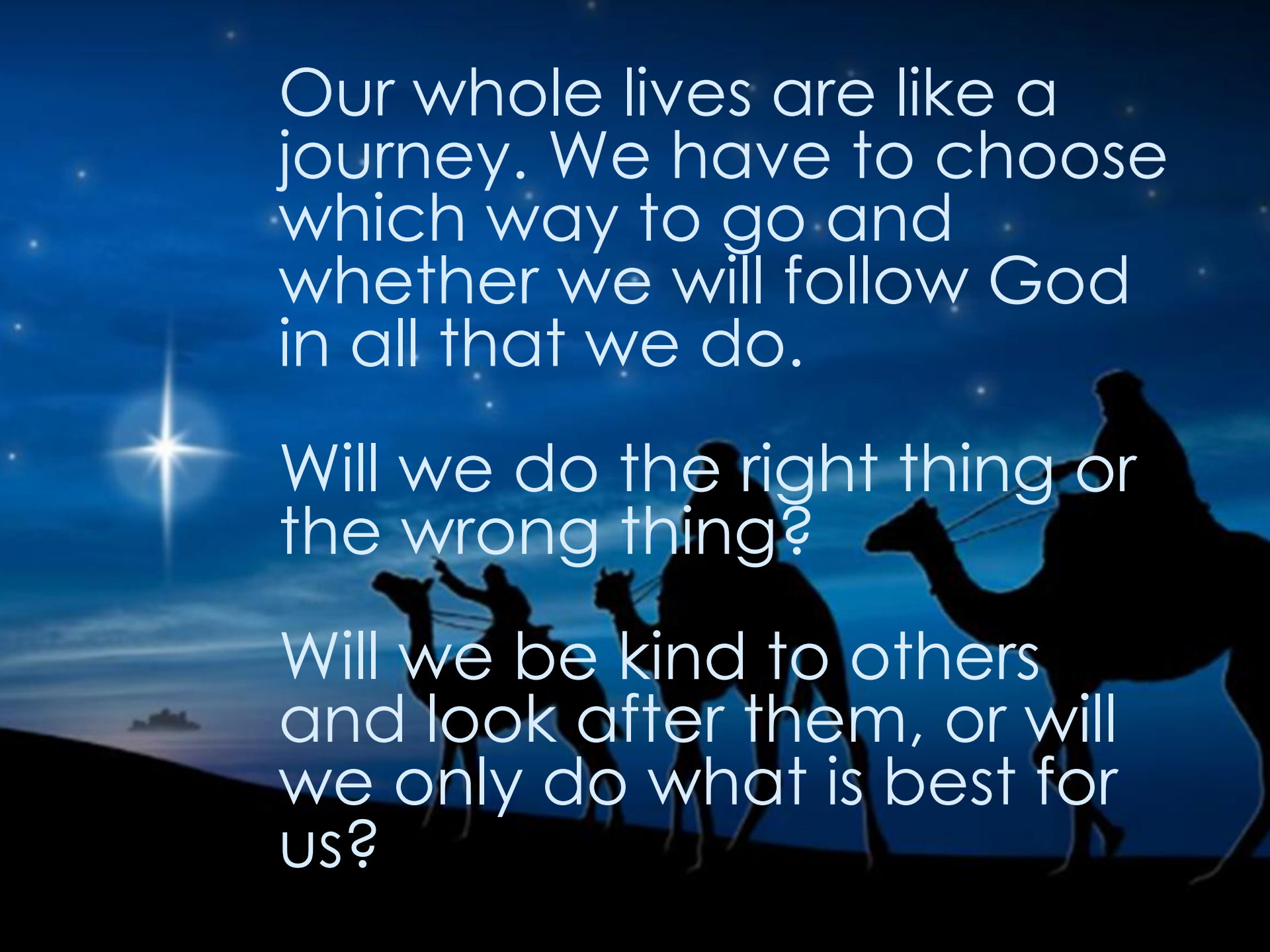
The star led them all the
way to Bethlehem and
there they found Jesus.
What did the wise men do
when they found the child
they had been looking for?

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The star is very important in this story. Why do you think that is?

The star showed the wise men where to go. It was a sign from God for them to follow.

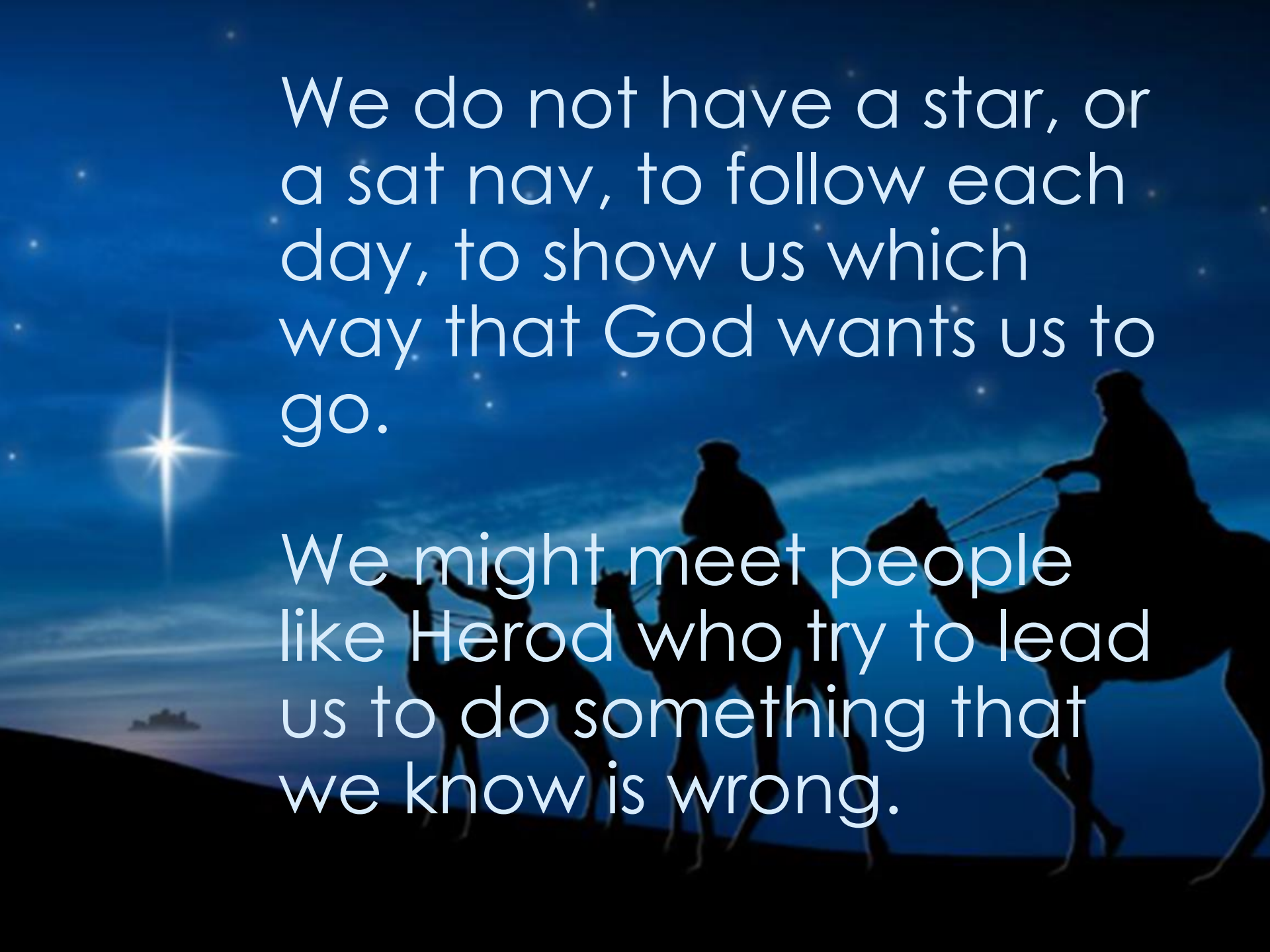
Have you ever been on a long journey? How did you know which way to go?

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Our whole lives are like a journey. We have to choose which way to go and whether we will follow God in all that we do.

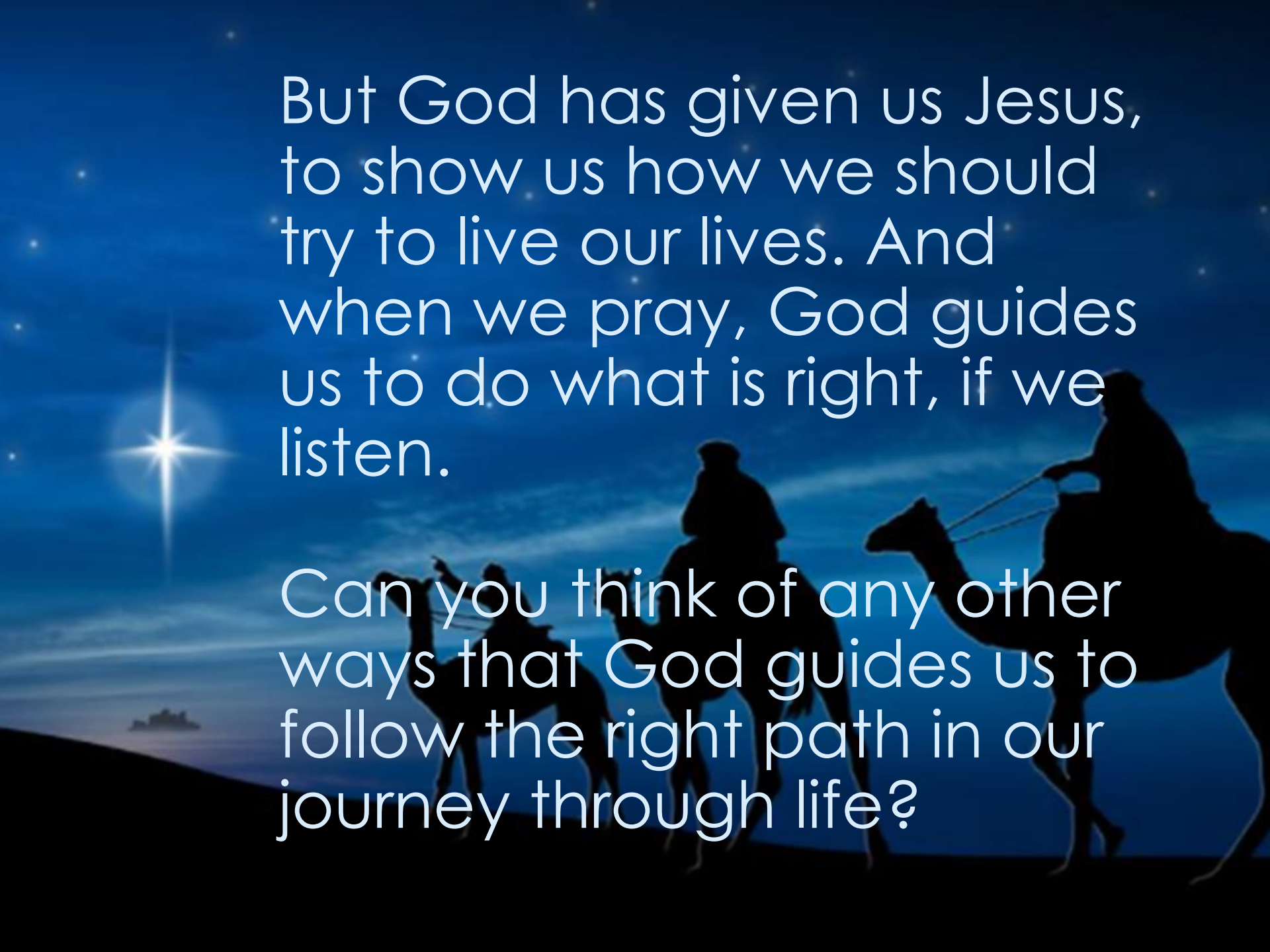
Will we do the right thing or the wrong thing?

Will we be kind to others and look after them, or will we only do what is best for us?

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We do not have a star, or
a sat nav, to follow each
day, to show us which
way that God wants us to
go.

We might meet people
like Herod who try to lead
us to do something that
we know is wrong.

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But God has given us Jesus,
to show us how we should
try to live our lives. And
when we pray, God guides
us to do what is right, if we
listen.

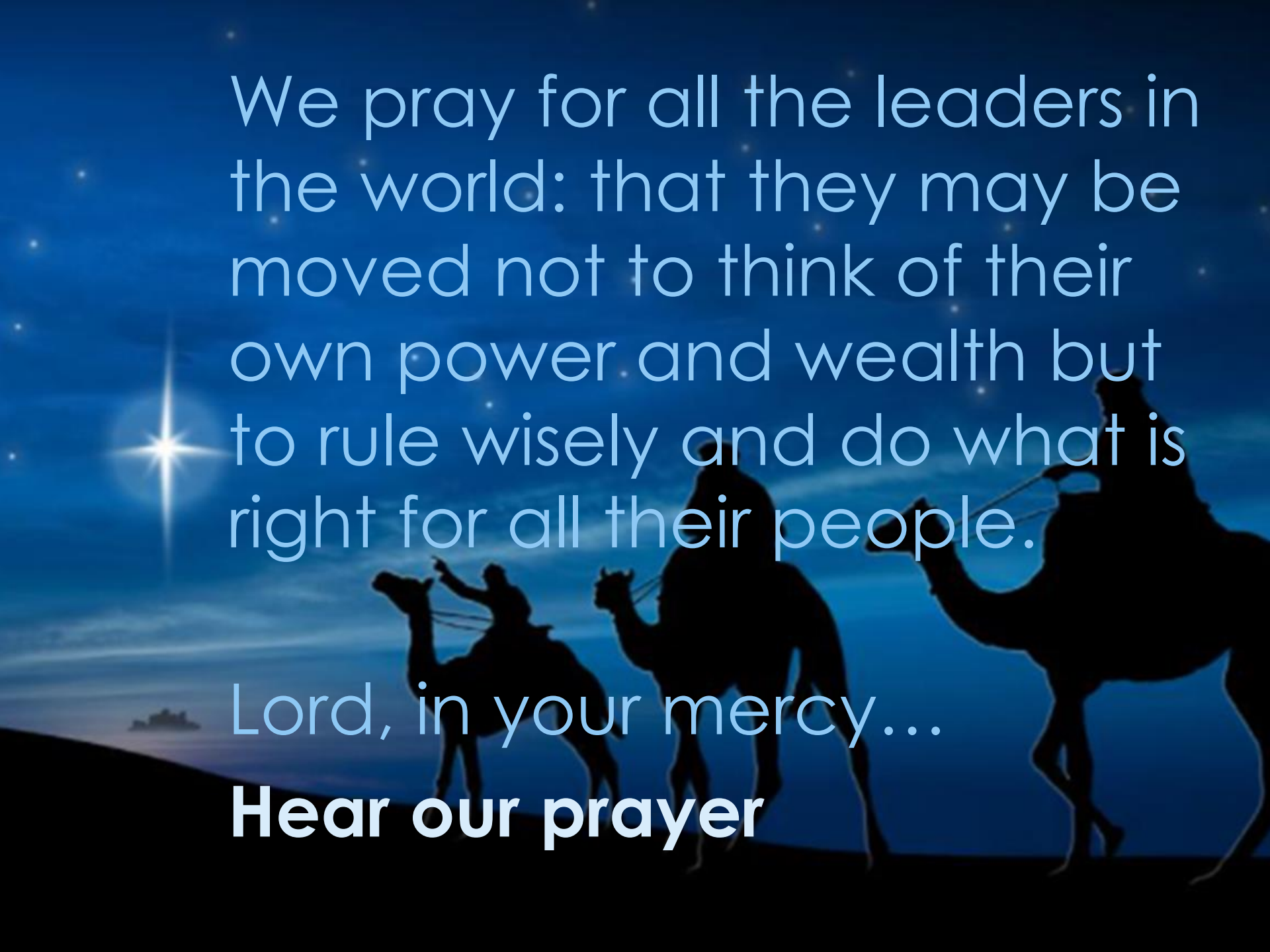
Can you think of any other
ways that God guides us to
follow the right path in our
journey through life?

In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.



God guides us and shows
the right way to live our
lives, and so we pray to
God together:




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We pray for all the leaders in the world: that they may be moved not to think of their own power and wealth but to rule wisely and do what is right for all their people.

Lord, in your mercy...


Hear our prayer

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We pray for the Church
throughout the world: that it
may shine like the star,
leading people to Jesus,
and spread God's message
of justice, peace and love.

Lord, in your mercy...


Hear our prayer



We pray for those people
around the world who are
undertaking long journeys, or
who are in need of
guidance: that they may find
their way to a place of
safety, welcome and peace.

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Hear our prayer

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We pray for our school,
parish, our family and friends:
that we may always be
open to following God in our
lives, in both our actions and
our words.

Lord, in your mercy...

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Generous God, we give
thanks for all that you have
given us. Open our hearts
to follow you so that all that
we do may be guided by
your love. We make this
prayer through Jesus Christ
our Lord,

Amen

How will you
follow Jesus
this week?



In the week ahead think of ...

- things that people in our parish community do to help others, locally and overseas
- ways you can help people at home and at school this coming week
- ways you can help others around the world



Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you



Let us go in
peace
Thanks be to God



**We three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect light.*



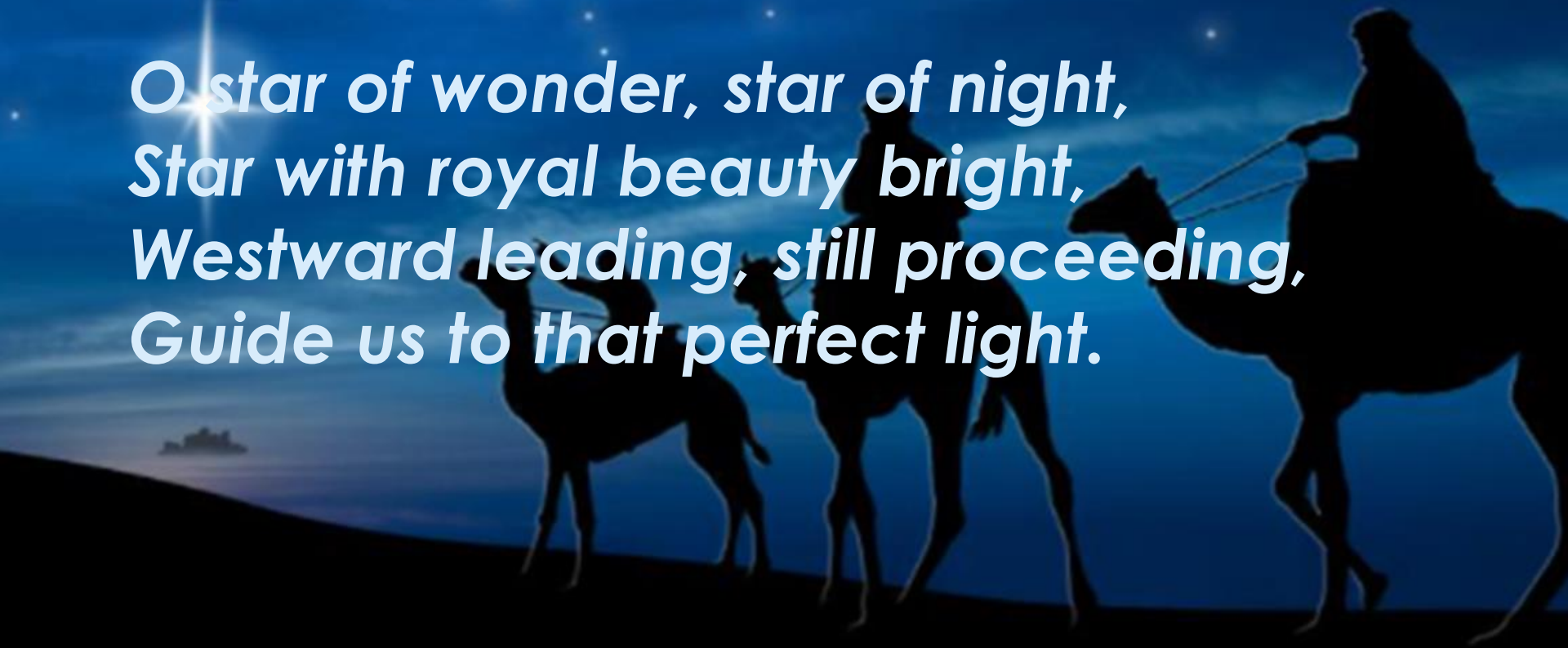
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect light.*



Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
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Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
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**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia
Earth to heaven replies.**

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