

# Lesson Plan

The student will be able to explain that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday and the star is a symbol to remind us a) that He invites us to follow Him, b) to honor Him, and c) to give Him the gift of our service.

Anticipatory set: (prereading, hook, background knowledge)  
Ask the students how they celebrate their birthdays.

## Direct instruction

1. Read Click, Clack, Ho! Ho! Ho!. Point out the star on the tree at the end. Then read Matthew 2:2, and Matt 2:9-10.
2. The star is God's invitation to the Wise Men to find Jesus; the students' bday guests get an invitation, too.
3. A bday party is a way to honor the bday person. The Wise men traveled a long way to honor Jesus.
4. Point out that the wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and Myrrh; students also receive gifts for their bdays.

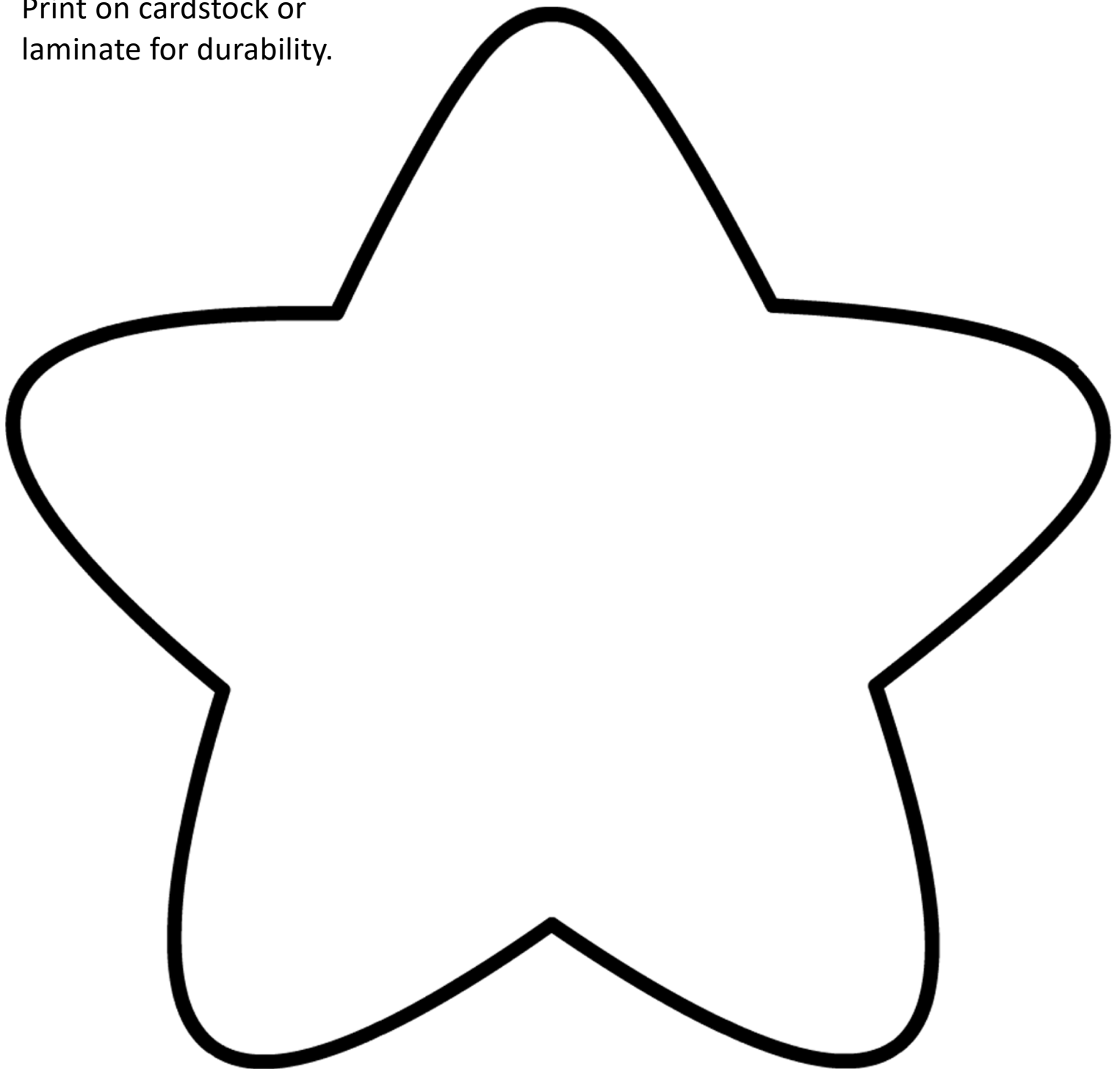
## Guided Practice:

1. The star pointed the Wise Men to Jesus and allowed them to find him and celebrate his birth. Today, we place the star on our Christmas trees as a reminder that we are celebrating His birthday, and we:
  - a. Are invited to follow him (ask if anyone wants to make the decision to follow Jesus)
  - b. Are to honor him
  - c. Are to give him a gift (our service, time and talents)

Closure: Make a star ornament for the students to place on their Christmas tree at home or to decorate a classroom tree. How awesome would it be to have a tree filled with stars and everyone knows what those stars mean!

To the teacher: Use this star and pictures on the next page as a visual image while explaining the Direct Instruction and Guided Practice parts of the lesson. **Cut them all out and hold them as you explain each step.** Once you have completed the step for a particular picture, tape it to the star. Once you have completed the lesson, the star should look like the one in the blue box on the next page.

Print on cardstock or laminate for durability.

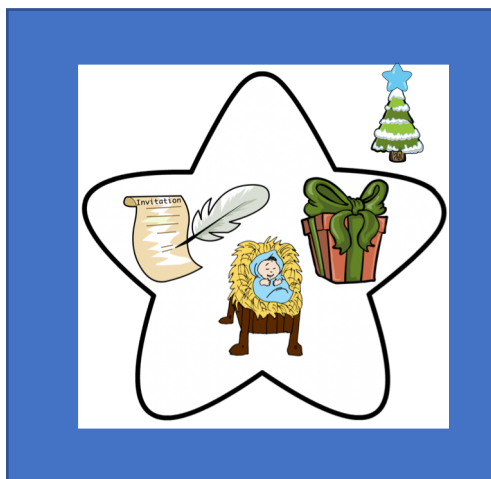


## Teacher Page Continued: The Star on the Christmas Tree symbolizes:

1. We are invited to follow him



2. We are to honor him



3. We Are to give him a gift

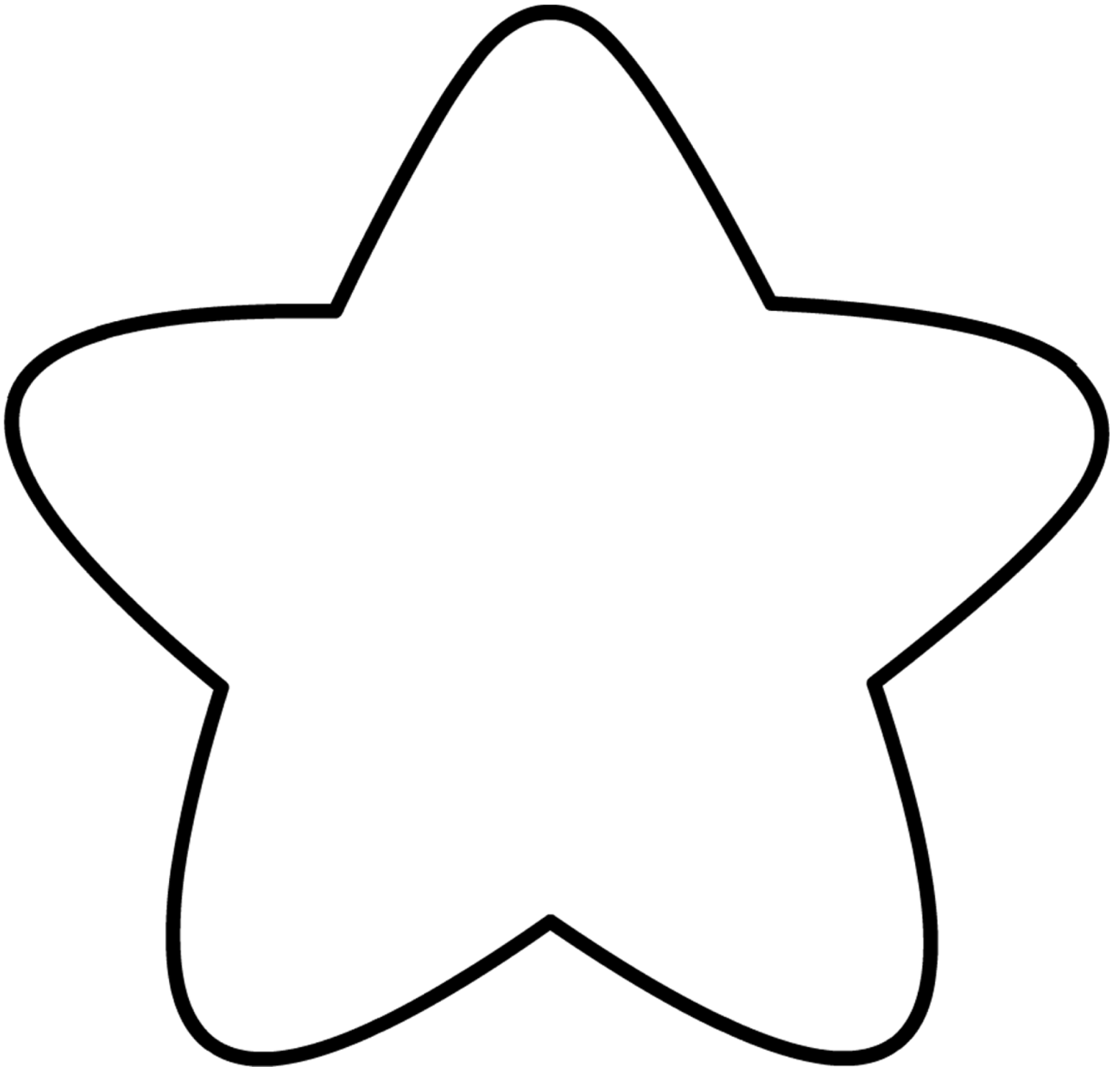
# Bethlehem Star as a Symbol

Student Directions: Color these items, cut them out and use them to explain the symbol of the star at Christmas time.



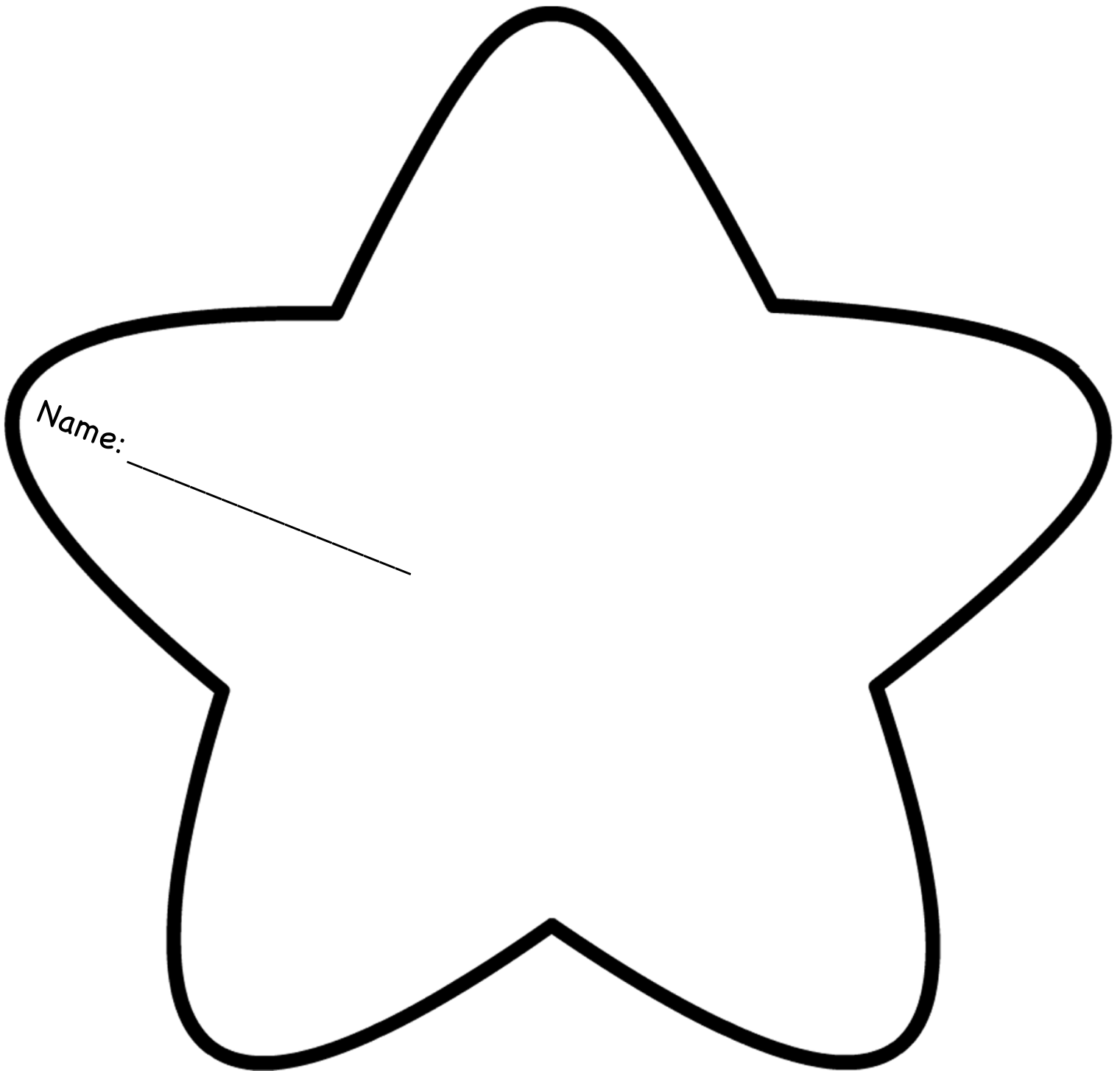
# Christmas Ornament

Directions: You will need two stars. Color the stars yellow. Cut out the stars. Write your name on one point. Then bind the two stars together, leaving one point open so you can stuff tissue paper or cotton balls inside. Then finish binding the open point closed. Use a hole punch on one point to thread some ribbon or yarn through. Use this to hang the star on a Christmas tree.



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