Star Chasers

What has caught your attention in the night sky?

Read Matthew 2:1-23.

- 1. Where did the star lead the wise men?
 - A. Bethlehem.
 - B. Jerusalem.
 - C. Toward the east.
 - D. To the religious leaders of the Jews.
 - E. To King Herod.
 - F. To the Bethlehem shepherds.
 - G. To the throngs waiting for the Messiah.
 - H. To Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
 - I. Other.
- 2. Why was Herod upset?
 - A. He wasn't.
 - B. He was upset, but hid it so no one could tell.
 - C. Just the mention of another king threatened Herod.
 - D. The fact that the new king was a baby.
 - E. The religious leaders hadn't told him the Messiah's birthplace.
 - F. Herod wasn't the first person to see the star.
 - G. Jewish fervor for a Messiah could easily erupt into anarchy.
 - H. Herod got upset easily.
 - I. Other.
- 3. Why didn't the religious leaders go to Bethlehem themselves?
 - A. They didn't believe the Messiah had been born.
 - B. It was more than four miles away—too long a distance for them.
 - C. They were offended non-Jews were looking for their Jewish Messiah.
 - D. They weren't that interested in the Messiah themselves.
 - E. They never saw the star.
 - F. They were offended that low-life shepherds had seen the Messiah there.
 - G. They didn't want to make Herod more upset than he already was.
 - H. The whole thing was just a major inconvenience.
 - I. Other.

- 4. What happened when the wise men left Jerusalem?
 - A. Nothing much—they went back home.
 - B. The star of angels led them to Bethlehem.
 - C. The star led them to the very house where Jesus was.
 - D. They worshiped Baby Jesus when they saw him.
 - E. They shared the story of their journey.
 - F. They gave expensive gifts as part of their worship.
 - G. They warned Mary and Joseph about Herod.
 - H. Other.
- 5. Why did Herod massacre all the little Bethlehem boys?
 - A. The wise men never returned to report what they found in Bethlehem.
 - B. His rage needed some outlet.
 - C. Bethlehem was too close to Jerusalem.
 - D. Mighty King Herod was just a pawn in the hands of Satan (Revelation 12:4).
 - E. It was reminiscent of Pharaoh throwing all the baby boys in the Nile.
 - F. To eliminate any threat of another king in his realm.
 - G. The angels were no longer in Bethlehem protecting the baby boys.
 - H. Other.
- 6. What role did angels play in the story of the wise men and Baby Jesus?
 - A. They formed the guiding star for the wise men.
 - B. They guided religious seekers to find answers in Scripture.
 - C. They warned the wise men to not return to Herod.
 - D. They sang to the Bethlehem shepherds.
 - E. They protected Jesus from Herod.
 - F. They provided protection for all the baby boys in Bethlehem from Herod.
 - G. They alerted Joseph to flee with his family to Egypt.
 - H. They informed Joseph when to return from Egypt.
 - I. Other.
- 7. Where do you go to worship Jesus?
- 8. The wise men gave gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What do you give Jesus?