

## The wandering Wise Men

While the Elf on the Shelf is a spy in the camp, allegedly letting Santa know if you've been naughty or nice (Saint Nicholas doesn't keep a list by the way, that was just from a 1934 song Santa Claus is coming to town) the Wandering Wise Men are here to follow a star and take a journey with you. Each day they share a piece of the real story of Christmas with you or suggest an Act of Random Kindness you could do in the true spirit of the season. And occasionally they get up to something mischievous.

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It doesn't really matter what your Wise Men look like . What matters is the Wise Men are on the move on their journey.

**On odd days from December 1st the Wise Men share the Christmas Story while travelling around your house. On even days they get a little mischievous and suggest an act of random kindness you could do.**

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## Suggested Acts of Random Kindness

2nd Dec        The Wise Men are eating a tiny bowl of breakfast cereal. Maybe it would be nice to give some to a food bank.

4th Dec        The Wise Men are in the wardrobe pulling out clothes How about donating clothes to charity

6th Dec        The Wise Men are in the letter box. How did they ever get there? You could write a letter or make a picture to cheer someone up

8th Dec        The Wise Men are in the bathroom with your toothbrush. Time to clean your teeth and smile at a stranger

10th Dec       are piling dishes in the sink. How about you help with the washing up

12th Dec       What's that in your parents coffee cup. If your parents go to a coffee shop get them to pay a coffee forward

14th Dec       The Wise Men are in your cereal with a thank you card. Give it to the ladies in your school office for all their hard work

16th Dec       Thank a dinner lady for looking out for everyone

18th Dec       The Wise Men are carrying a lollipop. Draw a picture for your school lollipop person and maybe give them the lollipop.

20th Dec       The Wise Men know who delivers babies. Put a rainbow in your window for the NHS

22th Dec       The Wise Men have hidden a mobile phone. Find it and phone someone special

24th Dec       Do something nice for your neighbour like make them a Christmas card

As the Wandering kings travel around your house make sure they have either a piece of the Christmas story or a suggested Act of Random Kindness with them for the family to share each day. On Christmas eve move them near a nativity scene and read the whole story.

Don't have a nativity scene? Why not make one.

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/uk/decorate/display/how-to/a19/how-to-make-a-nativity-scene/>

This one is easy but there are lots more around the internet and youtube.

You can watch the story here in two short animations

<https://youtu.be/v3656G6tWuI>

<https://youtu.be/TJIC57EvYFo>

Or read what the Bible says about it here

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A1%2D20&version=NIV>

And here

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1%3A18-25&version=HCSB>

We hope you enjoy this fun reminder of the meaning of Christmas.