

Christmas Star

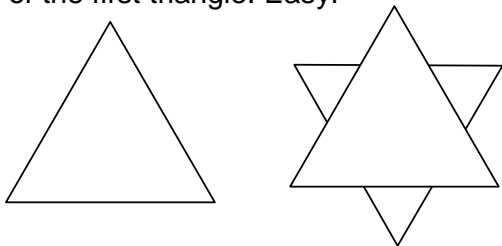


There are stars everywhere we look at Christmas time, on trees, decorations or cards. But the star only appears in one version of the Christmas story in St Matthew's Gospel (chapter 2, verses 1-12). Modern astronomers say that it wasn't a new star, or a meteor or comet. What was unusual in the heavens was that the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were close together forming a triangle in the group of stars known as Pisces. The wise men who saw the `star' and followed it would have interpreted this as the sign of a great event in the land of the Jews. Many countries still celebrate the Christmas star in special ways.

The `Festival of the Star' is held in Poland after the evening meal on Christmas Eve, when the village priest, as the `Star Man', asks the children questions about their religion. In Alaska, children carry a star-shaped figure around the houses and sing carols, hoping to be given Christmas treats.

Star Wrapping

Make some really smart wrapping paper for your presents this year. Use plain brown paper and print it with stars (cut a star shape out of half a potato and use yellow poster paint). Or use a gold or silver pen to draw stars all over the brown paper. Can't draw stars? Yes, you can! Draw a triangle, and then draw another triangle upside down on top of the first triangle. Easy!



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