

# Who's the boss?

## Interactive Christmas Bible Reading: Matthew 2

(by Beth Barnett)



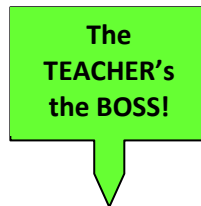
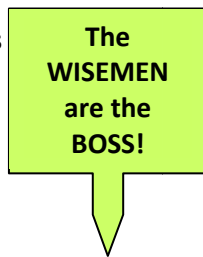
### Characters

Leader  
Reader

Boss (A tough looking character, perhaps a gangster: leather jacket, dark glasses)  
+ 5 helpers to hold up placards

### Props

Protest style placards



On reverse side: Not the Boss!!!

### Data Slides

Display Matthew 2 on screen, broken into sections as per the reading below.

*(Boss enters directly after a song in which everyone has been standing)*

**Leader:** Thankyou, everyone, that was great singing – please sit down

**Boss:** Oh no you don't...no one sits down, unless I say so. And I don't say so.

**Leader:** *(motions for everyone to stay standing)* And who do you think you are?

**Boss:** I'm the Boss. That's who. I'm the boss...and what the boss says goes!

**Leader:** And what does the boss say?

**Boss:** The boss says.... *(pause, looking around)* 'sit down'.

**Leader: Well - it's lovely you could join us for our Christmas Service.  
We are about to read the Bible together**

**Boss: Ah...bah...bah...bah....bah...No you don't. I'm the boss...and what the boss says goes.**

**Leader: And what does the boss say?**

**Boss: the boss says.... (pause, looking around) Time for the Bible Reading.**

**Leader: (in a stage whisper to the congregation) Do you know I think he's going to get a bit of a shock when he hears the bible reading and discovers that he's not actually the boss of Christmas.**

**Boss: What do you mean? Who's the boss? I'm the boss.**

**Leader: well let's see...**

**Reader:Matthew chapter 2**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king.

**Boss: Who's the boss?**

**Congregation: HEROD's the BOSS! (Placard is held up to encourage response)**

**Boss: He's not the Boss**

**Leader: That's right, Herod isn't the boss, he was just a local king in Judea...**

**Reader: During this time some wise men**

**Boss: Who's the boss?**

**Congregation: Wisemen are the BOSS! (Placard is held up to encourage response)**

**Boss: They're not the Boss**

**Leader: That's right, The Wisemen aren't the boss, they were mystics, astrologers, star gazers from a far off country.**

**Reader:**

During this time some wisemen from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>Herod brought together the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses,

**Boss: Who's the boss?**

**Congregation: the chief priest's the boss (*Placard is held up to encourage response*)**

**Boss: He's not the Boss**

**Congregation: the teacher's the boss (*Placard is held up to encourage response*)**

**Boss: He's not the Boss**

**Leader: That's right, neither the chief priest nor the teachers are the boss...(Sorry to all the teachers present)**

**Reader:** and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" <sup>5</sup>They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote, <sup>6</sup>Bethlehem in the land of Judea, you are very important among the towns of Judea.

From your town will come a leader, who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.' "

<sup>7</sup>Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. <sup>8</sup>He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too."

<sup>9</sup>The wise men listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

**Boss: Who's the boss?**

**Congregation: The Star's the boss (*Placard is held up to encourage response*)**

**Boss: It's not the Boss**

**Congregation: The star's not the boss**

**Leader: That's right, the star's not the boss of Christmas, it was there just to lead the wisemen to the place where you will find the boss...at Bethlehem...we're nearly there. Let's keep reading**

**Reader:** <sup>11</sup>When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him.

*Boss character is distracted, flexing his muscles, cracking his knuckles, smoothing back his hair...*

Reader repeats...

**Reader:** <sup>11</sup>When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him.

**Boss:** Hmmm? Did you say something? I was too busy being the boss...

**Leader:** Well you missed it – you missed the real boss, the real king of Christmas –

**Boss:** Not Herod? Not the Chief Priests? Not the star? Not the Wisemen?

*(Leader encourages congregation to join on 'No!' in between each one.)*

**Leader:** (to the congregation) I think you know who it is. Listen again....

**Reader:** <sup>11</sup>When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshipped him.

**Boss:** No – you don't mean – it can't be – the Baby? The Baby is the Boss? It doesn't even mention his name.

**Leader:** No – but it's a famous name now – Jesus. Jesus is not just the most important person in Christmas – he is God and the one who is over all. Jesus is the mighty mighty King – the boss of everything.

**Boss:** But he's not like a boss or a king – he's little and vulnerable – shouldn't he be more – more - more bossy?

**Leader:** No that's just the thing – Jesus came to show us God's ways – where being important doesn't mean being bossy, ordering people around – but being a leader who loves and cares and helps. That's the kind of boss he is.

**Sing:** 'Jesus is the mighty mighty King' (Colin Buchanan from 'Follow the Saviour')

Jesus is the mighty mighty king (x2)  
God made him the boss of everything  
For Jesus is the mighty mighty king  
Herod is not the boss Uh-uh!  
Wise men are not the boss Uh-uh!  
You are not the boss Uh-uh!  
Cos Jesus is the boss....

Add other verses including your communities names.

You can listen to a sample of this song at  
[www.word.com.au/details.aspx?productid=359959](http://www.word.com.au/details.aspx?productid=359959)

