



## Week of January 22 - a

### Scripture: Mt 2:13-15

**Main Idea:** Joseph, Mary and young Jesus now must flee to Egypt. This was no doubt a difficult thing to do. But **God is taking care of this family.** He has already blessed them with the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which surely they found useful.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** When the angel of the Lord came to Joseph, Joseph did not question what he was told. He obeyed without question. Is it hard to obey without asking questions or wondering why?

**Grade school:** The kings had brought a lot of expensive stuff to Joseph and Mary for Jesus. Remember these are poor people, but God knows they are going to have to leave soon. Do you think it's why they brought stuff that Joseph and Mary may have sold and used to travel and live on in Egypt.

**Teen:** The gifts given to Joseph and Mary may have been useful on their journey and relocating to Egypt. Can you think of a time that God blessed you in a way that helped you? How about a time you received something good and then later realized how you needed it?

**Adult:** Do you think that following God's command came easier this time, since Joseph had already had a message from God? How might this move have impacted Jesus' early life, with the family losing a support system? Would the family have closer ties?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

A prayer of thanks for the ways God has taken care of your family. And ask God to help you trust him more when future trials come.

### Monthly Memory Verse

#### Psalm 5:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.



## Week of January 22 - b

### Scripture: Matt 2:16-17

**Main Idea:** Jesus is already safe since Joseph and Mary have fled with him. In these verses we see God's protection contrasted with an evil king's terrible actions. It is a sad reality that in our world there are **always some who abuse their power for selfish reasons.**

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Herod was the king and had a lot of power. Do you think everyone with power (president, governor, teachers, etc.) always make the best decision? Should we always follow their guidance and never question what they say?

**Grade school:** Why did the king kill all those young boys? He was afraid! Afraid of what? That he would lose his power as king when Jesus grew up?

Was he afraid that Jesus would be an earthly king?

**Teen:** How is this an example of God's omniscience (all-knowing)? Hint: It was not a coincidence that God sent them to Egypt. Why is it important that we trust Jesus as our king and not put our faith in human leaders? Can you think of a time God helped you out of a bad situation?

**Adult:** If you had advance warning of a persecution, would you leave to avoid it? Think of Jews in WWII who fled or sent their children to safer places. Do you suppose this loss of life impacted Jesus later in life? Have you experienced someone in power who had a negative impact on their country, company, department, etc.? How were they viewed by others?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY:  
For those in our world who are harmed  
by sinful people.

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