

## let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Matthew 2:13-23 & Hebrews 2:14-18. What strikes you as you read?
2. How would you describe Herod? How does he view the news of the birth of the Messiah, king of the Jews?
3. What is Matthew's point in emphasizing God's watchfulness & protection over Jesus? Why are the prophecies from Hosea & Jeremiah so important? (vs 15 & 18—Hos 11:1 & Jer 31:15)? Note Micah 6:2 in vs 6 of Mt 2. Why does Matthew stack the fulfillment of Old Testament promises one after another? What point is he making & for whom might these promises matter most?
4. Joseph has had 3 dream/visions in which he receives instructions from God on how he is to serve God's saving plan. How would you react to a dream/vision from God?
5. Herod felt threatened by Jesus' kingship. How is Jesus' rule a threat to all of us? How is that threat also "good news?"
6. What does Joseph teach you about faith & obedience even when you don't fully understand what God is doing? With whom can you share that this week?

## let's READ

Sunday	2 Timothy 3:12	Thursday	Ephesians 6:10-20
Monday	Matthew 5:10-12	Friday	1 Peter 5:8-9
Tuesday	Luke 21:12-19	Saturday	Matthew 10:16-20
Wednesday	Hebrews 13:5-6	<b>BONUS</b>	Revelation 2:10

## let's PRAY

**PRAISE GOD** for his promise to care for you when you are attacked for bearing Christ's Name.

**THANK JESUS** for his presence as your strength.

**ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT** to make you courageous & obedient in sharing the truth of Christ.

## let's BLESS

*Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:*

(Name), † child of God,  
In all things, Christ stands beside  
and dwells within you. Amen.



# Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

**HOLY INNOCENTS MARTYRS**

27 December 2020 - 2 January 2021

## VERSE of the week — Matthew 2:13

**After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child & his mother," the angel said.**

**"Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."**

## TABLE GRACE

**Jesus, Saviour, be our guest,**

**Our morning joy,**

**Our ev'ning rest,**

**And with our daily bread impart**

**Your love & joy to ev'ry heart.**

**Amen.**

## 5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

## THOUGHT for the week:

"Christianity is anything but safe. Jesus made clear that trouble & persecution stood in the future for His followers."

— Dillon Burroughs

"When Christ calls a someone, he bids them come & die."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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