

RL GROUPS

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Matthew 2

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: **6** “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12.
2. Why were the Israelites waiting for a Messiah?
3. What do you think about the way that God steered the Magi away from Herod?
4. Why is Christmas important in the Christian faith?
5. If someone asked, “Couldn’t God just forgive us without sending Jesus to die?” how would you respond?
6. Is there any part of the Christmas story that is particularly important in your experience of faith?

Take time to pray for one another.