

FAMILY DEVOTION!

“HEROD: The Selfish King”



“It’s Not About Me – It’s About HIM!”



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Christmas is a wonderful time of giving gifts, but too often children are more focused on GETTING gifts. Selfishness runs rampant during the holidays. People are often focused way too much on themselves and not on others. Through the story of King Herod, the children will learn that selfishness can have some very ugly consequences. Rather than being selfish, we should focus on JESUS - the real reason for Christmas!

Read:

Matthew 2:1-18

Ask:

- What did the Magi (wise men) do when they heard of Jesus’ birth?
- Did King Herod really want to worship Jesus? What did he really want?
- What did the angel tell Joseph?
- How did King Herod react to Jesus’ escape?

Say:

Herod was a mean man. When he heard the news that Jesus had been born, he didn’t want to go and worship him. Instead, Herod wanted to go and kill him. He was king and he didn’t want there to be a new King of the Jews. But, God protected Jesus! Herod’s selfishness didn’t win.

Ask:

- Herod forgot the true meaning of the first Christmas. Do you think it’s easy to forget the real mean of Christmas? Why or Why not?
- How can we stay focused on Jesus this Christmas season?
- How can we keep selfishness out and not be like Herod?

Say:

“The Real Christmas Story” is all about Jesus. Herod wanted nothing to do with Jesus, he was completely selfish. We never want to be like Herod and forget the REAL reason for Christmas.

Pray:

Pray that each member of the family will stay away from selfishness this season.

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