

### TAKE JESUS WITH YOU

- The answer to Joseph's confusion: TRUST GOD.

*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 and 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."*

Matthew 2:13 (NLT)

- The answer to Joseph's fears: Trust and LISTEN to God.

*That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt."*

Matthew 2:14-15 (NLT)

- After hearing the message, Joseph trusted, listened, and OBEYED GOD.

- Our world, and sometimes our lives, are FULL OF HERODS.

1. Herod is anything that DEMANDS AND DESIRES to be worshipped instead of Jesus.

2. Behind Herod is Satan, who is constantly SEEKING TO DERAIL God's plan.

*Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance. Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A cry was heard in Ramah— weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead."*

Matthew 2:16-18 (NLT)

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:10 (NIV)

*Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.*

Luke 2:41-44 (NLT)

- Don't LEAVE JESUS BEHIND in 2020... TAKE HIM with you this year and beyond!

*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

John 15:9-10 (NIV)

*When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

Luke 2:45-47 (NLT)

*Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.*

James 4:8 (NLT)