

Growing Up with Jesus

Week 1

DIGGING IN

Life can be scary sometimes. No matter how old you get, you still find yourself looking for a safe place -- a refuge -- to hide from scary world at times. In the Bible, God reminds us that He is our refuge - whether that means that He will provide us the comfort we need to get through the scary stuff OR that He will provide us with a safe place on earth until it is over. Think of a time when God provided refuge for you.

READ SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

This week's story comes from Matthew 2:13-23 in the Bible. You will probably remember the story right before this one -- the story of Jesus' birth.

Read this one with an adult -- it has some hard topics in it that you will want to talk about. King Herod made some very evil choices because of his jealousy and desire for power.

TALK ABOUT IT

Did you know that Jesus and his family were refugees? Talk with your family about what refugees are, Even though little Jesus and his family were in danger, God was there. He made sure they found refuge. Where did Jesus' family seek refuge? What do you think it was like for them journeying and living in another country?

Recommended Reading: "Refuge" by Anne Booth, Stepping Stones: A Refugees Family's Journey by Margriet Ruurs

PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God,
Help us to come to you when we are afraid. Help us to trust you to protect us and give us refuge. Help us to be kind and welcoming to those who are seeking refuge. We pray, Lord, for the many refugees all over the world today. May you wrap them in your protective wings.
Amen.

GOD WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS. YOU'LL FIND REFUGE UNDER HIS WINGS. HIS FAITHFULNESS IS A PROTECTIVE SHIELD. PSALM 91:4