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## Week One: Matthew 1-2

### January Memory Verse:

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

### January Big Picture Question:

Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.

## **Day One: 1:1-17**

### **Things to note about this passage:**

- This passage is more than just a list of fun or difficult names to pronounce.
- This passage is linking Jesus in an important way to the story of the Israelites (look for all the “this was to fulfill what was written” coming up)
- Jesus’s birth is the start of the “seventh-seven” generation. He is a living Jubilee (Leviticus 25).

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Who is a person listed in this genealogy whose story you know? How might it be important that Jesus is their descendant?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the culmination of Israel’s story?

### **Quiz Yourself:**

- Name 3 people listed in Jesus’s genealogy
- Name all of the women listed in Jesus’s genealogy

## **Day Two: 1:18-25**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What do you imagine it would feel like to be Joseph in this story? Mary?
- What is important about Jesus being born of the Holy Spirit?

### **Quiz Yourself:**

- Which scripture does Matthew say this story fulfills?
- Why was Joseph told to name the child Jesus?

## **Day Three: 2:1-12**

### **Things to note about this passage:**

- Herod was not really a king, but rather an installed local ruler.
- The gifts given to Jesus are the gifts one would give to a king.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think "all of Jerusalem" was troubled with Herod?
- Why do you think Jesus's birth caused so much political shakeup?

### **Quiz Yourself:**

- Where did the experts say the Christ was to be born?
- What guided the Magi to find Jesus?

## **Day Four: 2:13-18**

### **Things to note about this passage:**

-Notice the similarities between the story of young Jesus and young Moses

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why would Herod go to such drastic lengths to find Jesus?
- What can we learn about God's provision from this passage?

### **Quiz Yourself:**

- Where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus go to hide from Herod?
- Which prophet's words did their journey fulfill?

## **Day Five: 2:19-23**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- So many people have been spoken to in dreams and by angels in these two chapters. How do you think you would react if that happened to you?
- How do you imagine Joseph, Mary, and Jesus felt returning to Israel?

### **Quiz Yourself:**

- Where did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus eventually settle?
- Who was ruling after Herod died?