



**January 6, 2019**  
**Matthew 2:1-23**

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, you deliver your faithful people in your good time. Give us courage to believe your promises and hope to carry us through our trials. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod.*  
(Matthew 2:13-15a)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

A rising star leads scholars to a growing child who is to become the king and messiah to deliver his weary people. But in Herod's jealous heart, there is room for only one king in the land.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What rites and rituals does your community practice? What milestones are lifted up throughout the stages of life?

What does it mean to you that Jesus is a king? What other images for Jesus speak to you?

For the littles: Where have you gone on a trip? God often sends people on trips.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

God bless your travels, far and near. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Look at your calendar for the year ahead. What milestones will you celebrate? How will you mark those occasions? Start planning now to celebrate important milestones in the coming year.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 96:10-13, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Psalm 11:1-3, *Psalm*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:8-22, *Israelites are Oppressed*

Thursday, Exodus 2:1-11, *Birth of Moses*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Hosea 11:1-12, *A Promise Out of Egypt*

**Next Week: Matthew 3:1-17, Jesus and John the Baptist**