

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 2 :: **A Threat to God's King**

Treasure Story: Matthew 2:13-23

How comforting is it that despite all the evil in the world and all the pain we will experience in our lifetime the fact remains that God is in control? Good things happen and bad things happen, but it is all under the umbrella of God's divine providence. God is sovereign over all things, and He is sovereign over each one of our lives. God's plan of salvation for all people would not be thwarted by a man such as Herod. God's love is too great and His power too irresistible.

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"Anything under God's control is never out of control."
– Charles Swindoll

God had a plan for Jesus to be a light to the world and the true King to all people. No amount of wickedness that Herod could devise would keep Jesus from fulfilling His mission. At the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, the sins of mankind would still put Jesus to death, only He would not stay dead but would rise from the dead and conquer sin and death. Help your children to see that God is always in control as you participate in the following activities:

- **Always in Control:** Next time you find yourself in a difficult situation, know that God is in control. Sometimes when we face adversity, we respond by trying harder. But God wants us to rely on Him. When things are going well or even when they are going badly, God wants us to acknowledge Him. Always remember that God is working behind the scenes. Look for times this week where God is at work. It may not be as obvious in some situations but remember that God is always at work.
- **Be an Encourager:** Whenever you see others going through a difficult situation, be an encouragement to them. Pray for them and let them know that God is with them. He will always love us and will never forsake His children.

My Mission As Parent

- Because of the busyness of our schedules, we sometimes forget that God is with us. We forget that in all situations God is in control. Sometimes we just need to step back and praise Jesus for His faithfulness and grace in our lives.
- Our children need to see that it is okay for our faith to be tested during difficult times. Many times we want to hide the adversity we face from our children. We don't want them to worry, or we don't think they can handle it. But sometimes it is good for them to see we are imperfect and that we always need to rely on God.

Prayer Points

- Praise God that He is always present and sovereign over all things.
- Pray that during good times and bad times your family will always remember that God is in control.
- Praise God that Jesus is your salvation. Thank Him for paying the price that we could never pay. Praise Jesus that He died for our sins.