

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Who was the king when Jesus was born? _____
2. Where did the magi (wisemen) come from? _____ What question did they ask the king? _____
3. According to the prophets, where was the Christ to be born? _____
4. What reason did Herod give for wanting to find Jesus? _____
5. What helped the magi to find Jesus? _____ When they found the baby, what did they do? _____
6. Why did they not return to Herod as he asked them to? _____
7. What did the angel tell Joseph to do? _____
8. What terrible thing did King Herod do when he found out the magi had tricked him? _____
9. How long did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus stay in Egypt? _____
10. What does this lesson teach us about God? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Psalm 91:11, "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Older ones—Psalm 4:8

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Learn all you can this week about King Herod. How long did he reign? What area did he rule? Which of his sons took his place in the area around Bethlehem? What kind of king was the son? How long did the son get to rule?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

In almost every congregation some parents doubt their ability to teach the Scriptures to their children. This is not surprising, for teaching small children is difficult for even the most capable teacher. Good teaching is hard work. It doesn't just happen.

To teach properly, one must *labor* in preparation. To use these lessons, for example, we must learn the weekly story in order to communicate it and its truth to our little ones. This means we must read, we must study, we must pray. We must expend enough time and effort to master any confusing or unfamiliar parts of the story and the truth it contains. Only then can we teach well.

But almost any parent can do this. All of us like stories, and most of us can tell them. What most of us lack is not ability, but commitment. It's hard for us to get our priorities adjusted so that we include sufficient time to prepare each week to teach our families.

When we get serious about teaching God's word to our kids, these lessons will do more than teach Bible stories to children. They will produce thinking, studying, praying, growing parents. And this may be their finest blessing.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Ps 23; 62:2; 94:22; 121; Dan 6:22; Dt 33:27; Mt 6:30-33; Rom 8:28; Phil 4:19.