

# King

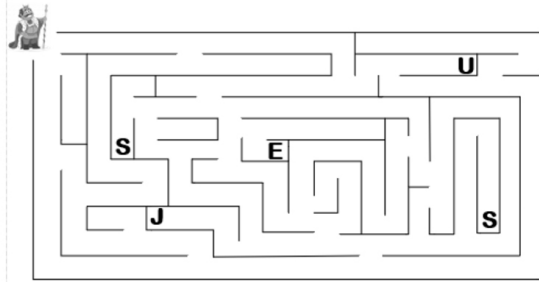
## Wants to Get Rid of Jesus?

**WEEK 4**  
Matthew 2:1-12



Prepare: Pencil or any marker

Say: We have a mission today. Let's help the king find "J-E-S-U-S"! Navigate through the maze and connect the king to each letter. Can you do it as quickly as you can? (give kids time to complete the challenge).



(After completing the challenge)

Say: Were you able to accomplish the mission? Great job kids! Did you have a hard time connecting the king to "J-E-S-U-S"? Actually the story that we will read today is also about a king who wanted to find Jesus Christ after he was born. But in this story, the king wanted to find Jesus for a wrong motive.



Let's read the story from the book of Matthew and find out what happened to the king's plan to get rid of Jesus.

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

*1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:*

*6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."*

*7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them*

*until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

King Herod wanted to get rid of Jesus because he learned that the King of the Jews had been born and he was threatened. He would not hear of another being king in his place! So he did all in his power to make sure the baby would not survive. But none of his plans succeeded. It was God's plan for His son Jesus to be born and live as a man to fulfill God's purpose for Him which is to save us from our sins and reconcile us back to God. It is because of Jesus that we are now enjoying our life as God's children. Jesus is the King of the Jews and He is also our King. He is the only one that we should worship.



**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- Since we are still remembering Jesus' birthday, what gift do you think you can give Him?

**7-12 years old**

- After seeing all the roadblocks that could have stopped Christmas from happening, how do you see Christmas differently?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- Among any other celebrations, why is Christmas so special?
- What can we do differently this year?
- What family tradition can we start this year that we can do every year during Christmas?

It is truly amazing how despite everything that could have stopped Christmas, God's plan cannot be stopped and we still get to celebrate it every year. Even this year, when everything is so different from the previous years, all the more we should make our Christmas more meaningful. God truly loves us and He will do all it takes so we can all be with Him in heaven one day. As we celebrate the best gift we have ever received, let us always remember that He is our King!



Dear God,

Thank You for sending us Jesus - the most important gift that we have received. As this year comes to a close and as we welcome the new year, we declare that Jesus will be the King of our life, our family, and our nation. We pray that everyone from all the nations of the world will bow before Jesus who is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. In Jesus' Name,

Amen!



This series is very interesting in that we saw different things that could have prevented the first Christmas from ever happening. From the birth of Jesus to His last days on earth, the enemy tried on different occasions to destroy God's plan to redeem us. But God is sovereign and no plan of His can ever be thwarted. And up to today, His plan is still unfolding.

Do you want to be part of God's plan? Why not share His story with someone?