

Jesus,
you came to earth
on Christmas day,
and gave to us a
brand new way.
To live with thanks,
joy and praise
for all these things
that fill our plates.
Amen.



If you are going to walk with Jesus Christ, you are going to be opposed... In our days, to be a true Christian is really to become a scandal.

-George Whitefield



# **VERSE** for the week

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

## Matthew 2:13



## **REMEMBER** this week

In any given year and at any given time, the headlines of the world will be repeated. Each time they will try and deny the truth that God is with us. Survival in this world is not a life on the run, but a life that lives, nurtures and grows in the presence of the Holy One who journeys with us and reveals that God is for us and with us.



- 1. Share your highs and lows.
- Share a time when you felt attacked or bullied.
- 3. How did you overcome that situation?
- 4. If you could do anything and knew that you would succeed, what would you do?
- 5. Sometimes life is hard and people or circumstances get in the way of what we hoped to do. How does God help you in those situations?
- 6. Not everyone was happy about Jesus being born. King Herod tried to kill him, but God had a plan. How does knowing God has a plan for you help when people are against you?



Sunday – Matthew 2:13
Monday – Nehemiah 4:7-9
Tuesday – Romans 8:31
Wednesday – 1 John 4:10
Thursday – Psalm 121:1-2
Friday – Acts 5:34 and 38-39
Saturday – Matthew 2:11-12



A – What is this text ABOUT?B – What is the BEST thing about this text?

C – What is the most

## CONFUSING or CHALLENGING

part of this text?

D – What does God want you to **DO**?



#### **PRAISE GOD**

for dealing with our mess and bringing life from death.

### **THANK JESUS**

for living out the Father's will in the face of opposition.

# ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to help you stand in the face of opposition.



Bless each other with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

[Name], you are never alone. God is always with you. Amen.