

Your child has learned of the joyful responses several different people gave when they heard of the promised Savior's birth.

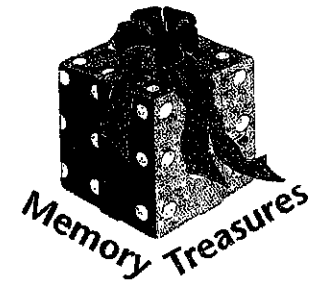
But today your child heard about another person's response to Jesus' birth—a response that was far from joyful! King Herod hated Jesus and even tried to kill him.

The Holy Spirit, through Baptism and God's Word, has given you and your child faith in Jesus. But many people reject him. Pray that your family is always among those who love Jesus and rejoice in him!

Here's an idea for a family activity: Go on a treasure hunt. Hunt for objects in your home that reflect your family's love for Jesus (Bible, church bulletin, offering envelopes, Jesus videos, hymnal, cross, etc.). Gather your objects and discuss how they reflect your love for Jesus. (Examples: Bible—we learn about Jesus; church bulletin—we worship Jesus together; offering envelopes—we give Jesus gifts; etc.)

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us faith in Jesus as our Savior and King. Please strengthen that faith so that we always love Jesus, our King. Amen.



* Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

* The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Hymn 38:13

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new,
A quiet chamber kept for you.