

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under.



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Depth of Darkness



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.



There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.



God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.



In the depth of darkness, a light has dawned.





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In the depth of darkness, a light has dawned for the hope of the world.



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.



He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.



The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.



"Look at what was happening at the time of the birth of Jesus – violence, injustice, abuse of power, homelessness, refugees fleeing oppression, families ripped apart, and bottomless grief. Sounds exactly like today."



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."



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