

Sola Publishing Children’s Message 1st Sunday after Christmas – Year A		SOLA 
What Happened Next?		
Readings	1) Isaiah 63:7-14 2) Galatians 4:4-7 3) Matthew 2:13-23	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 2:13-23	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Possible pictures to illustrate the story: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-herod-jesus/	
Message Whenever I say, Herod, you say HEROD IS BAD! Whenever I say, Jesus, you say WE LOVE JESUS! Let's practice. When Jesus (We love Jesus!) was born, King Herod (Herod is bad!) was not happy. Jesus (We love Jesus!), God's Son, was born in the stable, right? I know you think the wise men came to the stable, but they followed the star a long time before they got there, and Mary, Joseph, and Jesus (We love Jesus!) did not stay in the stable long. It was crowded and smelly. They lived in a house in Bethlehem. Meanwhile, King Herod (Herod is bad!), lived in Jerusalem and King Herod (Herod is bad!) was not happy when he heard about the new baby king, Jesus (We love Jesus!) Mean King Herod (Herod is bad!), wanted to be the only king, so he told the wise men to come back and tell him where this new baby king Jesus (We love Jesus!) was living, because he wanted to kill him. (Yikes! That sounds terrible!) But Joseph, Mary, and Jesus (We love Jesus!) had God on their side, and we all know that God is in charge of everything. So, God sent an angel to tell Joseph to take Mary and Jesus (We love Jesus!) and run away to Egypt in the middle of the night to be safe. And he did! It was a good thing too because when the wise men didn’t return to Herod (Herod is bad!), he thought (thinking w/ finger on chin), “Hmmm. What can I do to get rid of this new king? I know! If I kill all the baby boys under 2, Jesus (We love Jesus!) will be dead.” Isn’t that terrible? It's why we say Herod (Herod is bad!) is bad. But Herod (Herod is bad!) didn’t know that God was on their side, not his. God had an angel appear in Joseph’s dream. He said, “Get up! Take Jesus (We love Jesus) and his mother to Egypt, where they will be safe from Herod (Herod is bad. So, when Herod (Herod is bad!) killed all those baby boys, Jesus (We love Jesus!) was safe in Egypt! Finally, after Herod (Herod is bad!) died, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus (We love Jesus!) went back to their hometown of Nazareth.		
Repeat Prayer	Heavenly Father, You are on our side, too! Thank you for taking care of baby Jesus / and us! Thank you for loving us, We love you. Amen.	