

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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.

Matthew 2:7-8

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We talked yesterday about how king Herod was afraid of losing his seat on the throne to baby Jesus, but here he tells the wise men that he wants to come and worship baby Jesus. Do you think he was telling the wise men the truth or a lie? Does God want us to tell the truth? Have you ever told a lie or been tempted to tell a lie? What happened? Has anyone ever lied to you? How did you feel?

On this 16th day of Advent, let's remember that one of God's commandments is about lying, do you know what it says? "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." The Bible tells us that Satan is the father of lies, but that Jesus is the truth! It's so important that we run away from temptation and speak the truth to one another in love.

When we feel tempted to do something that we know is wrong, the Bible shows us different ways we can respond:

Speak the Word of the Lord! When we know God's Word, we can easily tell the difference between what's right and wrong. When we speak God's Word, it's much easier to choose the right and resist the wrong.

Sometimes we feel trapped by temptation, like there's no other choice. But we can always pray and look for our other options! 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that the Lord always provides a way to escape temptation.

When we even see that we might be close to temptation, the message from the Lord is clear:

RUN AWAY!



Help the children run away from their temptation by walking on the path of God's Word!

