



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

9. When, like Herod, have you felt threatened by Jesus' kingship? In other words, what area of your life do you not want to put under the control (lordship) of Christ? How do you react at those times?

10. Without judging anyone else's views on Christmas, briefly share why you do or don't observe the holiday and if you do, how. This is an opportunity to understand what others in your group think about celebrating Christmas, *not an invitation to convince them they're wrong!*

If time allows, follow the example of the magi and spend additional time in worship at the end of the discussion tonight.



December 7, 2008

The Kings of Christmas #1

**THE KING WHO
FOUGHT CHRISTMAS**

MATTHEW 2:1-17

We're focusing tonight on the true story of Jesus birth, a story that often gets lost in the hustle and bustle of the busy holiday season.

OPEN:
(2 minutes)



1. My favorite Christmas carol is...
2. *Finish this statement:* When I hear people (outside of church) talking about Christmas, most often they are focused on...
3. *Finish this statement:* In the church I grew up in, Christmas was...

