

Escape to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-23

Grades 4,5

	Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)
	Materials needed -soft balls, tape
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our memory verse for the month is Romans 8:37. Play this video while singing along, or have a little dance party. https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/60215/more-than-conquerors
	<p>Play three different round of dodge ball with the kids. Name the two teams King Herod and King Jesus. Play elimination for all three rounds (when someone gets hit by a ball they are out). -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Round 1 - let everything be fair, anyone can touch the ball, and if you are hit, you are out.- Round 2 - tell Team Jesus that they are not allowed to touch the ball, they can only dodge the balls that are coming at them. (When the round is over explain to the kids that this is what was like for the people of Bethlehem when Herod ordered all the babies to be killed)- Round 3 - Before the game begins, take all of team Jesus out of the game. (explain to the kids that God told Joseph in a dream to go to Egypt)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Let's watch these video together - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk58bHnJLD4

Break up into small groups

	Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)
	Materials needed - bible
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read Matthew 2:13-23- Ask the kids "What was your favourite part of the story?"- As each child mentions their favourite part of the story, get them to stand up and put themselves in proper story sequence. Once everyone is lined up go through the line and tell the story a few times.

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed -mural paper, markers, cards

- Talk to the kids about refugees. Here is a good article on how to do it...<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/talking-to-kids-about-the-persecuted-church>
- Our church is helping a refugee family at the moment come to Canada. Pray for the family and get out some mural paper. Ask the kids to write messages on the mural paper to the family - something like we prayed for you today.
- Then take a picture, and we will send it by email to the family we are sponsoring.

- Talk about the wise men giving Jesus the best gifts they could find. What could we give Jesus? What is the best thing that we could give Him?

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - Romans 8:37 We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. What can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus?, tape, ball

- Watch this video and let the kids to the actions that are shown on the screen <https://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/60215/more-than-conquerors>
- tape all the words to the memory verse on the wall all scrambled up. Let each kid take a turn, they need to hit the ball against each of the words in order as quickly as they can.