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THIS WEEK'S
DEVOTIONAL

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God's Power in Action

Last Week: Joseph; Mary; Innkeeper; Visitors

HEROD

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

Matthew 2:1-4

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

Matthew 2:7-8

Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.

Matthew 2:16

...Herod died...

Matthew 2:19

CHRISTMAS IS GOD'S POWER IN ACTION...

The _____ of God reveals the _____ of God and brings
the _____ of God to your life.

For the Kingdom of God is not a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

God... gives power and strength to His people.

Psalms 68:35

WHEN CAN I COUNT ON GOD'S POWER?

When I'm afraid, when I'm uncomfortable, when I'm occupied, when I'm...

...He never grows weak or weary... He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Isaiah 40:28-29

"...My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

HOW DO I ACCESS GOD'S POWER?

1. _____ MY NEED

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor.

1 Peter 5:6

2. _____ INTO GOD

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

3. _____ IN FAITH

"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."

Hebrews 11:1

KEY POINT:

I step out in faith before God's power shows up.

"I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God."

1 Corinthians 2:5