

CHRISTMAS:

The Story of a Refugee Child Named Jesus



Shortly after Jesus' birth, Herod ordered the killing of all children under the age of two.

So Jesus and his family became refugees, fleeing a corrupt government to safety in Egypt.

There, Jesus spent his early childhood in a foreign land away from his relatives, speaking a foreign language.

Sound familiar?

Jesus and his young parents fled with him from a brutal political regime, becoming immigrants in a bordering land.



Over 57,000 children from Mexico and Central America have fled their countries to the United States to escape violence in their home countries.

How should we respond to these children?

'TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.'

-- MATTHEW 25: 40



The largest detention center in the United States recently opened, especially designed for housing women and children.

Jesus tells us that a response to the most vulnerable is a response to Jesus himself.

We need alternatives to detention that are compassionate, rather than inhumane and expensive.

Let us pray for the children and families who spend this holiday season in a detention center, uncertain of their futures.

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