

YOUR MOVIE EXPERIENCE

Zero A.D.

Hope enters a troubled world.

Set around the birth of Jesus, Zero A.D. portrays Mary protecting her child amid Herod's violence. Return to the biblical account to reflect on hope, vulnerability, and the meaning of Christ's arrival.

7 days of reflection 4 group gatherings



Keep the story going.

Begin after watching the movie. Use the daily reflections at your own pace, or gather friends, family, or a small group for four conversations. Open your Bible to the Scripture references, then make room to listen, reflect, and respond.

START WITH A CONVERSATION

1. How did the story draw your attention to both vulnerability and hope?
2. What questions would you like to explore by reading the biblical birth accounts?
3. How could our response to Christmas include practical care for vulnerable people?



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SEVEN DAYS OF REFLECTION

DAY 1 / READ John 1:1-5

A light in the darkness

The arrival of Jesus speaks hope into a world that already knows darkness. Christian hope is rooted in who he is, not in the absence of trouble. Bring the places that feel shadowed into prayer today.

REFLECT Where do you most need a renewed sense of hope?

TRY THIS Read the passage slowly and name one concern before God.

PRAY Jesus, bring your light into the places where I feel afraid.

DAY 2 / READ Luke 1:26-38

Receive the unexpected

Mary's response to the angel includes an honest question. Trust does not require the absence of wonder or uncertainty. We can bring our questions to God while remaining open to faithful obedience.

REFLECT What question do you need to bring honestly to God?

TRY THIS Write a simple prayer that includes both your question and your willingness to listen.

PRAY Lord, help me trust you without hiding my questions.

SEVEN DAYS OF REFLECTION

DAY 3 / READ Matthew 2:13–15

Courage that protects

Joseph's response to danger becomes a practical act of care for Mary and Jesus. Love pays attention to vulnerability and takes responsible action. Courage can look like protecting, providing, and seeking help.

REFLECT Who depends on your attention and care?

TRY THIS Take one practical step to support someone vulnerable in your community.

PRAY God, give me wisdom and courage to care for others.

DAY 4 / READ Matthew 2:16–18

Make room for grief

The biblical birth account includes suffering as well as joy. We should not rush past grief to reach a more comfortable story. Compassion leaves room to lament and to be present with those who mourn.

REFLECT Whose grief could you acknowledge more gently?

TRY THIS Offer a simple message of care without requiring a response or explanation.

PRAY Lord, draw near to those who mourn and teach us to care well.

SEVEN DAYS OF REFLECTION

DAY 5 / READ Luke 2:8–20

Good news for ordinary people

The shepherds receive an invitation to witness something extraordinary. The good news reaches people in the middle of ordinary work. No one needs an impressive platform to respond with worship and wonder.

REFLECT What might you notice if you paused in the middle of your usual routine?

TRY THIS Take a short break to give thanks and share one encouragement with someone.

PRAY God, awaken wonder in the middle of my ordinary day.

DAY 6 / READ Matthew 2:1–12

Offer what you value

The visitors who come to honor Jesus bring costly gifts. Worship turns our attention toward what we consider worthy of our time and resources. Consider how generosity might express your gratitude this week.

REFLECT What do your priorities reveal about what you value?

TRY THIS Give time or a practical gift to meet a real need.

PRAY Jesus, shape my priorities with gratitude and generosity.

SEVEN DAYS OF REFLECTION

DAY 7 / READ Luke 2:19

Let hope take root

Mary's reflection invites us to hold onto what we have received. A meaningful moment can deepen when we return to it with attention. Choose one practice that keeps the hope of Christ's coming close throughout the year.

REFLECT What truth from this week do you want to carry forward?

TRY THIS Set a recurring time to read Scripture, pray, or share encouragement with someone.

PRAY Lord, let the hope of your coming shape the life I live.

What will you carry forward?

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

GATHERING 1 / 30–45 MINUTES

Hope in a troubled world

Read John 1:1–5 and revisit Day 1: A light in the darkness. Invite everyone to share one thought, with room to pass.

1. How is Christian hope different from expecting an easy outcome?
2. Where do we need to hold onto hope together?

CLOSE TOGETHER Jesus, bring your light into the places where I feel afraid.

NEXT STEP Read the passage slowly and name one concern before God.

GATHERING 2 / 30–45 MINUTES

Courage and compassionate action

Read Matthew 2:13–15 and revisit Day 3: Courage that protects. Invite everyone to share one thought, with room to pass.

1. When does love require a practical change of plans?
2. What can our group do for someone who needs protection or support?

CLOSE TOGETHER God, give me wisdom and courage to care for others.

NEXT STEP Take one practical step to support someone vulnerable in your community.

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

GATHERING 3 / 30–45 MINUTES

Wonder for ordinary people

Read Luke 2:8–20 and revisit Day 5: Good news for ordinary people. Invite everyone to share one thought, with room to pass.

1. What helps you see familiar Scripture with fresh attention?
2. How can our everyday work become a place for gratitude and witness?

CLOSE TOGETHER God, awaken wonder in the middle of my ordinary day.

NEXT STEP Take a short break to give thanks and share one encouragement with someone.

GATHERING 4 / 30–45 MINUTES

Carrying the story into life

Read Luke 2:19 and revisit Day 7: Let hope take root. Invite everyone to share one thought, with room to pass.

1. What has stood out to you in the biblical accounts this week?
2. What ongoing practice will help this experience bear fruit?

CLOSE TOGETHER Lord, let the hope of your coming shape the life I live.

NEXT STEP Set a recurring time to read Scripture, pray, or share encouragement with someone.