

The Christmas Story
The Christmas Story We Never Tell
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Shadow stories...

BIG IDEA: God is not ashamed to enter the most unmentionable corners of the human story, because it demonstrates his power to redeem humanity from darkness and his willingness to lower himself into utter vulnerability *for our sake*.

GOD's Story – The Christmas Story We Never Tell, Matthew 2:13-23

1. Herod, the *not so* Great... (Matthew 2:13-15)

2. The Slaughter of the Innocent... (Matthew 2:14-18)

3. *Nazarene*... (Matthew 2:19-23)



- Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8; Isaiah 53:2-3; John 1:44-46

We need to understand the twist that *Jesus of Nazareth* puts on our Christmas Story...

Merry Christmas? Absolutely! From now on this is the Story we will always tell!