

Pick up an A.O.K Card for each Small Group Attendee
Prophets & Angels Protecting
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Inclusive:

- Take some time to worship the Lord together through music and/or testimonials of how He has shown His love and care for you this week.
- **Ice Breaker:** If you could pull up stakes and go to another country, where would you go to? Why there?

Intentional:

Read *Matthew 2:1-23* together

- Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem?
- Since the Magi were pagan astrologers, why do you think they left everything in order to follow that star?
- Why was Herod so concerned about finding the baby Jesus? Do you have any verses to support your answer?
- When, like Herod, have you felt threatened by Jesus' kingship?
- How is the response of the Magi when seeing Jesus similar to the response Christians have when finding Him? How does it differ?
- In your "journey" to Christ, how are you like the Magi? Unlike them?
- Have you had to leave everything to follow Jesus?
- From Joseph's responsiveness, what do you learn about faith and obedience?
- What is the "gold, incense and myrrh" in your life? How have you offered this to Jesus?

Influential:

- As you go about your daily life this Christmas season, look for opportunities to use an A.O.K. card to cheer someone up. (same table where these guides are found)

This is a great way to spread the joy and peace announced that first Christmas "to other people."