

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 27, 2020
Jesus was Born to be the Lamb of God



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share where you were born, and any of the circumstances you are aware of that are unusual.
- **GROW** *in Christ*

Read Exodus 13: 1-3a & 11-15

Consecration of the Firstborn

13 The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand.¹¹ “After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, ¹²you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. ¹³Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons. ¹⁴“In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today?
- What’s the significance of redeeming (that is: obtaining release by means of a payment) the first-born sons in Israel, in light of the last plague God inflicted on the Egyptians (Exodus 11)?
- Luke 2: 22-40 describes the circumstances around Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated to the Lord (redeemed). Discuss the statement, “Jesus was redeemed to be the Redeemer”.
- What’s the connection between the redemption of the first-born son in Israel and Jesus’ consecration when He was 40 days old?
- Do you see an interesting connection between Jesus being The Lamb of God, and the place where He was born (a Stable)?
- **SERVE** *others*
Prayerfully ask God to put someone on your heart that needs to hear the Christmas Story in a new and personal way this year, and then allow Him to use you to share it.
- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**