

A religious painting depicting the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. Mary is on the left, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown, with a halo. She cradles the baby Jesus in her arms. To the right, a man with a long beard and a green cap is seated, reading an open book. The background is dark and textured.

# First Sunday after Christmas Day

*Year A*

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

I will recount the gracious deeds of  
the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of  
the LORD, because of all that the  
LORD has done for us.

Isaiah 63:7



A Visit

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Praise the LORD! ...Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Psalm 148:1a, 3a



The Magi

Cara Hochhalter

Praise the LORD from the earth, you  
sea monsters and all deeps,

Psalm 148:7



The Valley in the Sea (1862) -- Edward Moran, Indianapolis Museum of Art

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping  
things and flying birds! ... Praise the  
Lord!

Psalm 148:10, 14c





Four Insects -- Johannes Bronkhorst, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

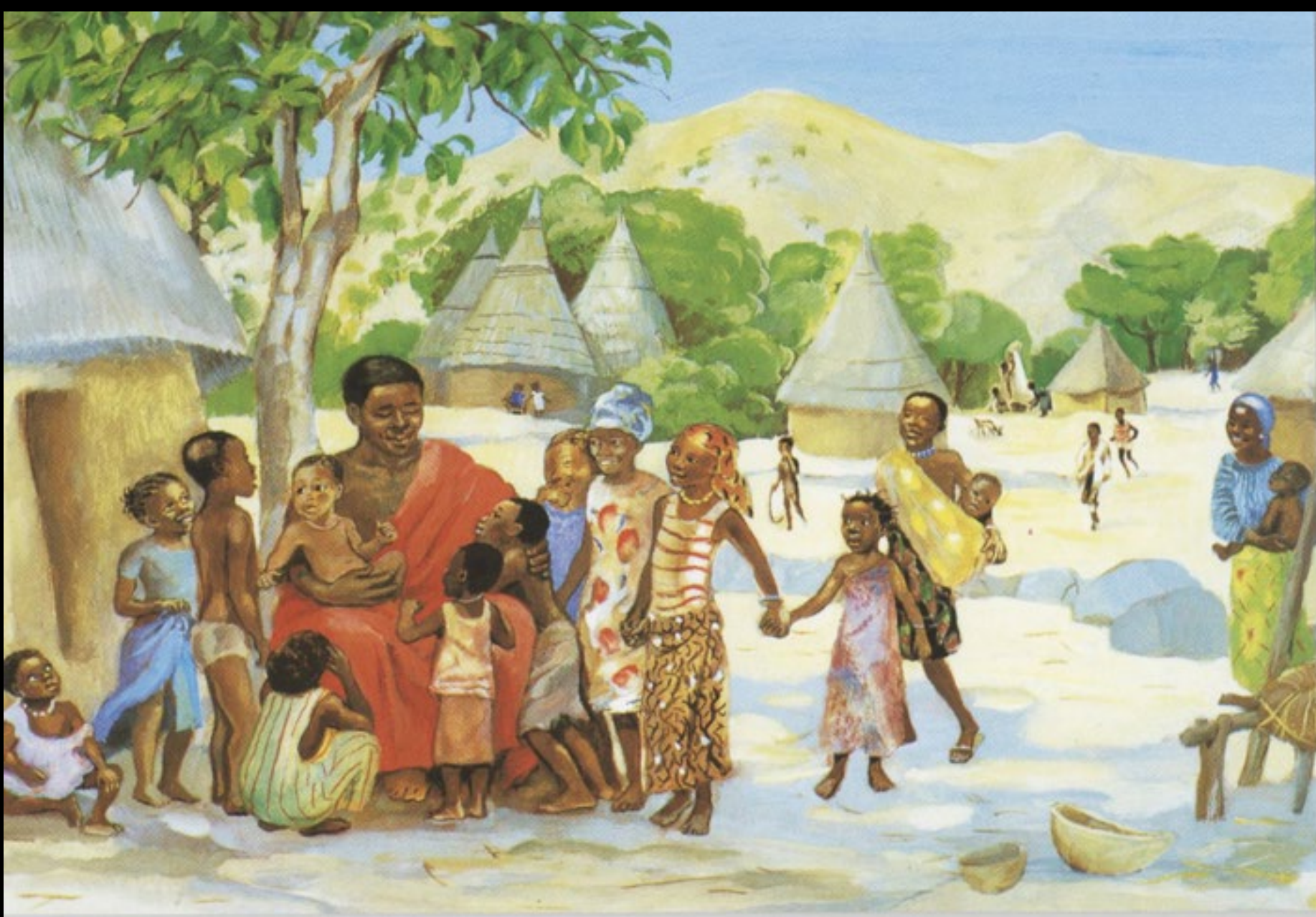
Hebrews 2:18



Crucifixion -- St. Benedict the African Church, Chicago, IL

saying, ... "Here am I and the  
children whom God has given me."

Hebrews 2:12, 13c



Jesus Welcomes the Children -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt..."

Matthew 2:13b



Joseph's Dream

Gaetano Gandolfi

Herod... sent and killed all the  
children in and around Bethlehem  
who were two years old or under...

Matthew 2:16b





Massacre of the Innocents, a Mystery Play -- York Cathedral, York, England

"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled,  
because they are no more."

Matthew 2:18

Massacre of the Innocents

Guido Reni  
Pinacoteca Nazionale  
Bologna, Italy



"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

Matthew 2:20



Rest on the Flight into Egypt -- Aert de Gelder, MFA, Boston

There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarean."

Matthew 2:23



Christ in the House of His Parents -- John Everett Millais, Tate Britain, London

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