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For Further Discussion:

1. Are you surprised by how long God worked to redeem us? Are you surprised how hard Satan tried to stop it?
2. The Jewish people were chosen by God to play a role in his plan of redemption. Despite their frequent unfaithfulness to God, they survived – why do you think that is?
3. Why do you think Jesus came into the world as a defenseless baby rather than a conquering warrior?

A group of people around each other

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*Massacre of the Innocents,* Francois-Joseph Navez, 1824