

## **Story Time - Read the story to the children**

### **Lesson 171: ESCAPE TO EGYPT**

#### **MATTHEW 2:13-23**

After the wise men left, an angel from the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Get up! Take the child with his mother and escape to Egypt. Herod wants to kill the child and will soon start looking for him. Stay in Egypt until I tell you to come back." So Joseph got ready and left for Egypt with the child and his mother Mary. They left during the night. Joseph, Mary and Jesus stayed in Egypt until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord said through the prophet: "I called my Son to come out of Egypt." (Fulfilled means it made it come true). Herod saw that the wise men had fooled him, and he was very angry. So he gave an order to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem and the whole area around Bethlehem. Herod had learned from the wise men the time the baby was born. It was now two years from that time. So he said to kill all the boys who were two years old and younger. This fulfilled, or made come true, what God said through the prophet Jeremiah: "A sound was heard in Ramah-- bitter crying and great sadness. Rachel cries for her children, and she cannot be comforted, because her children are gone." While Joseph was in Egypt, Herod died. An angel from the Lord came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the child with his mother and go back to Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are now dead." So Joseph took the child and the mother and went to Israel. But he heard that Archelaus was now king in Judea. Archelaus became king when his father Herod died. So Joseph was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he went away to the area of Galilee. He went to a town called Nazareth and lived there. This fulfilled what God said through the prophets also - God said that the Messiah would be called a Nazarene.

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### MEMORY VERSE:

*"When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My Son."* Hosea 11:1

### Review Questions

#### True or False

1. When the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
2. The angel told Joseph to stay in Israel, that God would protect them there.
3. Joseph took the child and His mother to Egypt.
4. Herod was happy when he saw that the wise men had tricked him.
5. Herod gave an order to kill all the baby boys around Bethlehem that were two years old and younger.

#### Questions

1. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream?
2. What did the angel tell Joseph to do?
3. What did king Herod do to try to kill the baby Messiah (Jesus)?
4. What did the prophet say long ago about Rachel and her children? Did that come true now?
5. What did the prophet say about God's Son and Egypt long ago? Did that come true now too?
6. What happened the second time the angel came to Joseph in a dream?
7. Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to live? Why did they go there?
8. What did the prophet say long ago about the Messiah and Nazareth? Did it come true now too?
  
9. BONUS QUESTION: Does everything God tell us come true? Do all of God's promises come true also?

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the security we find in Jesus Christ. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

## Lesson 171 Craft

### THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Materials:

One smooth river stone for each child

Acrylic or tempura paints (washable)

Paint brushes (one for each child)

Newspapers (to put under the children's crafts as they paint)



Have the children paint their rocks any colors they want, or decorations they wish... Then help them write on the stones.

Suggestions – “The Lord is my Rock” or “Jesus” or “God” or a cross symbol.