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Lesson No. 4 The Christmas Story - The Nighttime Escape!



Matthew 2: 13-23



1 John 3: 8

Sometimes we have bad dreams! On waking up, we are so thankful it is all over! When God spoke to Joseph a second time, he must have wished it was only a bad dream. But it was even worse, for God was warning him of serious trouble ahead!

Match up each broken sentence by putting its number in the correct empty box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | The angel appeared to Joseph | <input type="checkbox"/> | until the Lord told him to return. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Joseph was told to go | <input type="checkbox"/> | Herod was trying to kill Jesus. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Joseph was to take with him | <input type="checkbox"/> | to Egypt. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Joseph was to go there because | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mary and Jesus. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | Joseph was to stay there | <input type="checkbox"/> | after the Wise Men left for home. | <input type="text" value="5"/> |

This nighttime escape and the later return to Israel were both going to fulfil yet another prophecy, given hundreds of years earlier.

Write out the prophet's words. (See Matthew 2: 15.)



Answer the questions AND then circle the answers on the WORD SEARCH. They are hidden forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally.

- Who was angry with the Wise Men?
- Where did the baby boys live?
- What age were some of them?
- Which Old Testament book follows Isaiah and is mentioned in verse 17?
- What did the prophet say would be heard?
- What did God use to warn Joseph?

WORD SEARCH

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	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M
	H	N	T	E	D	E	T	O	A
	K	E	I	L	L	P	J	O	E
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	H	E	N	O	E	N	W	T	D
	B	O	R	N	D	G	K	I	N
	J	E	R	E	M	I	A	H	G

Following the direction of the arrow on the WORD SEARCH, use the remaining letters to discover what Herod wanted to do, when he gave his terrible orders!

This wicked act was part of the devil's evil plot to destroy the Lord Jesus. In fact, throughout the life of the Lord Jesus, the devil kept attacking Him, trying to stop Him from doing God's will. Why did the devil do this? By means of His death on the cross, the Lord Jesus was to defeat him. Do you remember God's promise in the Garden of Eden? Look back to Lesson 1 and Genesis 3: 15. Thankfully, God kept the Lord Jesus safe in Egypt, in the care of Mary and Joseph.

Answer the following questions in the 'Notebook'.

NOTES	
When did God speak again to Joseph in a dream? (2: 19)	1
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Where was he to take the young Child? (2: 20)	1
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Why did Joseph not want to return to Judea? (2: 22)	1
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Where did he go instead? (2: 23)	1
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Write out the **LAST SENTENCE** of the Key Verse. Then circle **THE NAME OF THE ONE** who was behind Herod's evil plan and who was conquered at Calvary, when the Lord Jesus died on the cross.

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So we see the **CHRISTMAS STORY** is much more than just a manger in Bethlehem! It is a lovely story in which joy and sadness are mixed. The more we think about it, the more clearly we see that nothing happened by accident. It was all carefully carried out by God, just as He had promised!

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

“Unto YOU is born this day . . . a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2: 11

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