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Story 4 - The escape into Egypt.

You can read this story in your Bible:



Matthew 2: 15

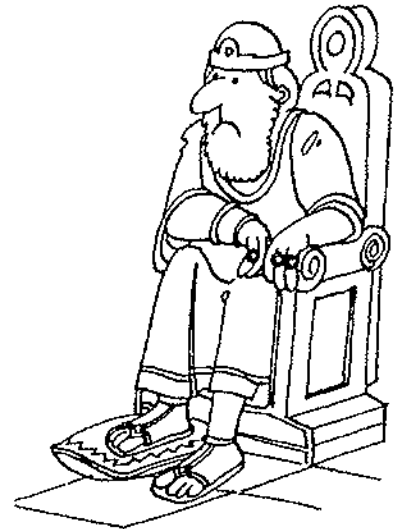
Ask somebody to help you find this verse.

Have you ever waited a long time for some news? Herod had been waiting for the return of the Wise Men. But they did not arrive! They had obeyed God and gone straight home.

Herod became very angry and decided that every boy in Bethlehem who was under two years old must be killed!

What a terrible thing to do! All because Herod was so worried that this Child might one day be King instead of him.

Again, God spoke to Joseph in a dream. He told Joseph to take his family and escape to Egypt. There he would be safe until God told him to return.



Cross out the wrong answers to each of these questions.

Who obeyed God and went straight home? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

Who decided to kill the children? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

Who was told by God to go to Egypt? **Herod / Joseph / The Wise Men**

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Some time later Herod died. God told Joseph it was now safe to return to Israel. So, Joseph, Mary and Jesus left Egypt and went to Nazareth.

To where did Joseph and his family go?

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It was here that Jesus grew up, pleasing His family, His neighbours and most important of all, God, His Father.

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the Bible had foretold His birth. God had planned for His Son to be born in Bethlehem. God knew that Herod would try to kill Him. God also knew that Jesus would spend some time in Egypt. The Bible had foretold:

“Out of Egypt I called my Son.”

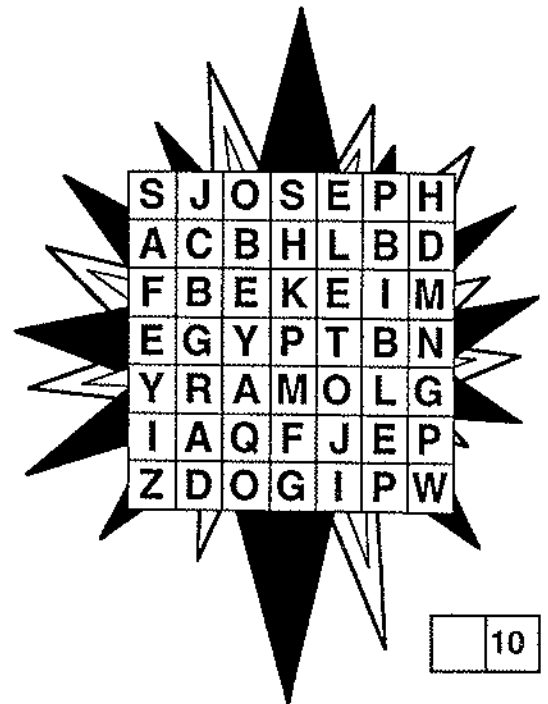
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In all that happened, God was protecting His Son. Mary and Joseph pleased God by obeying all that God had commanded them to do.

In the Star Grid, circle the answers to the following questions. (They may be written up and down, or backwards!)

- 1) Who was Mary's husband?
- 2) To which country was Jesus taken for safety?
- 3) Who was Joseph's wife?
- 4) Who kept the family safe?
- 5) Which book foretold the birth of Jesus?



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A very Happy Christmas to you!

“The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”

1 John 4: 14

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