

## Story 4 - The escape to Egypt.

*A true story  
from the Bible:*

**Matthew  
2: 13-23**

*This story is about:  
God looking after His Son.*

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.



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

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. With God's help, we can follow His example.

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

**“Jesus, the Son of God.”**

**A very Happy Christmas to you!**

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