

PreK Lesson: A Trip to Egypt

Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:13-23

Sit together at the table or on the floor.

This has been a very exciting time, hasn't it? On Christmas Day we celebrated Jesus' birthday!

Does anyone remember the name of the town where Jesus was born? That's right! Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem.

Right before Jesus was born his parents, Mary and Joseph, traveled to Bethlehem from Nazareth, the town where they lived. And while they were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born.

After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had planned to go back to their home in Nazareth. But before they started on their trip home, something amazing happened. God sent an angel to talk to Joseph in a dream.

The angel told Joseph that he should not take Jesus back to Nazareth. At that time, there was a very bad king named Herod. Herod had heard that a new king had been born – Jesus! – and Herod was jealous. Herod didn't want there to be any other kings except him.

God knew that because Herod wanted to be the only king that he might try to hurt the baby Jesus. So God sent the angel to tell Joseph not to take Jesus back home to Nazareth, but to take him to another country, called Egypt. God knew that Jesus and his parents would be safe in Egypt.

So that's just what Joseph did! Joseph and Mary and Jesus went to live in Egypt until God sent another angel to tell them that it was safe to go back home.

God took care of baby Jesus and kept him safe. And God cares for us, too.

PRAYER

Dear God,

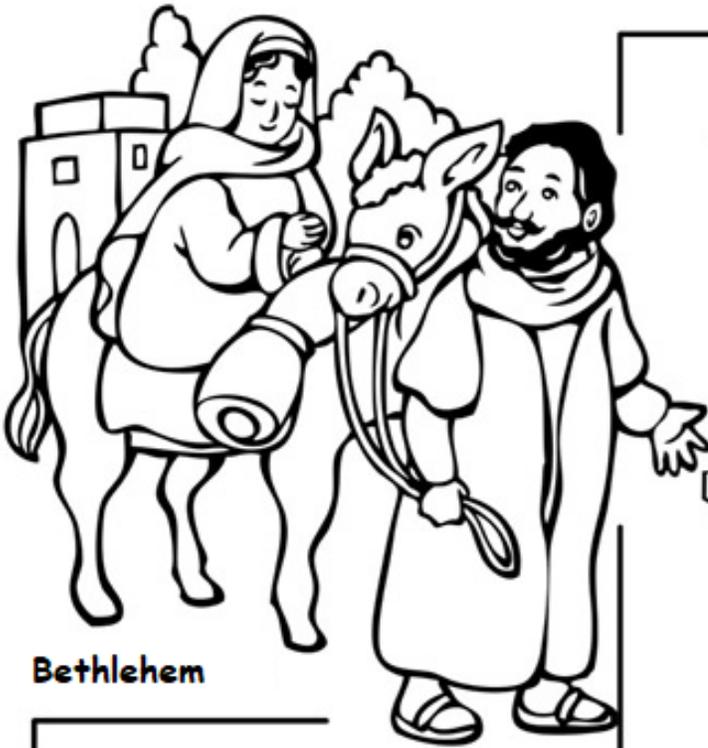
Thank you for watching over and caring for us. Amen.

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Journey to Egypt Maze: Help Mary and Joseph journey to Egypt with baby Jesus.

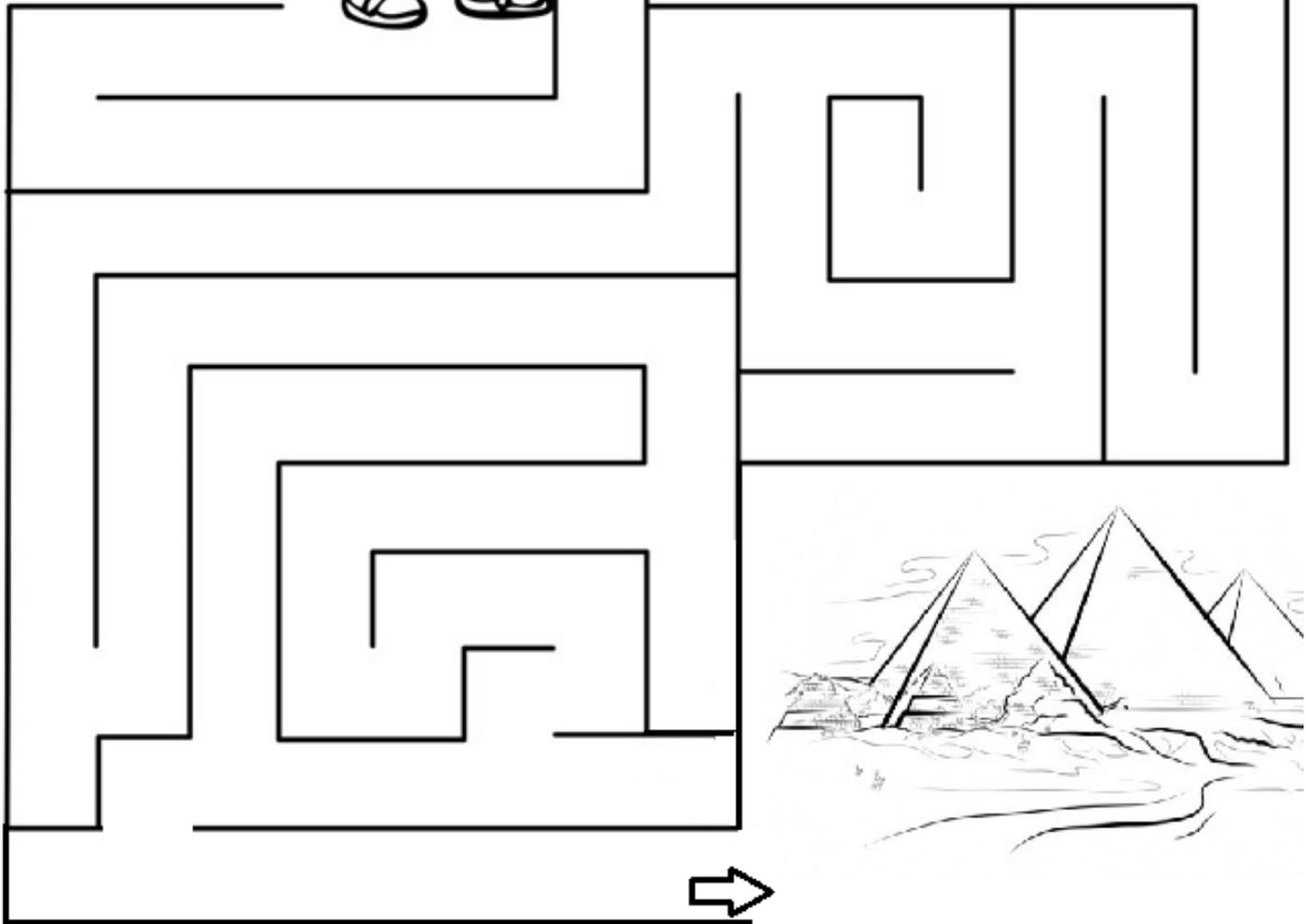
A LONG JOURNEY

Help Mary and Joseph Journey to Egypt.



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