

Going to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-23

“Joseph, Joseph! Get up quickly! You must take Jesus and Mary to Egypt NOW and stay there until it is safe to come back. The wicked king plans to KILL Jesus! Hurry! Hurry!”

Joseph was asleep when the angel spoke those words to him in a dream. It was late at night and everyone was sleeping. Do you think Joseph said, “Go to Egypt – NOW? In the middle of the night? But it’s dark, and we wouldn’t be able to see the road, and besides Mary and Jesus would be so tired, and . . .”

But Joseph didn’t say that at all. Instead, he obeyed God and got up quickly. He woke up Mary and Jesus and helped them get on the back of the little donkey. RIGHT AWAY they began the long walk to Egypt.

Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop. On and on they walked for all of that night and many more days and nights until at last they came to faraway Egypt. Now they were safe from the wicked king who wanted to kill God’s Son, the little boy Jesus.

Joseph and Mary and Jesus stayed in Egypt until one of God’s angels spoke to Joseph in another dream. The angel told Joseph that the wicked king was dead and that it was safe to take Mary and Jesus back home. Joseph got the donkey ready again. Once more Mary and Jesus got on the animal’s back. With Joseph leading them, they started on the long trip again.

Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop. On and on they went, farther and farther – past Bethlehem, where Jesus was born – past Jerusalem, where the wicked king’s son lived – until they came to the little city of Nazareth. And there they lived until God’s Son, Jesus, was all grown up and ready to do the work God had sent Him into the world to do.

Bible Verse to Learn

“. . .but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17).