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The Escape to Egypt.



Let's light the candle to begin our Worship today.





Welcome Words.



**God**



**in**



**Christ**



**has revealed**



**his**



**glory.**



**Come**



**let**

**us**



**worship.**

An illustration depicting the biblical story of the Flight to Egypt. On the left, Joseph, a man with a long brown beard and a head covering, wears an orange and yellow striped robe and carries a wooden staff. In the center, a grey donkey is being led. On the right, Mary, wearing a yellow headscarf and a blue robe, carries the baby Jesus in her arms. The background shows a dark night sky with stars and a simple building. The text 'Escape to Egypt' is overlaid on the left side, and 'CHILDREN'S CHURCH Matthew 2:13-23' is in the bottom right corner.

# Escape to Egypt

CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
Matthew 2:13-23

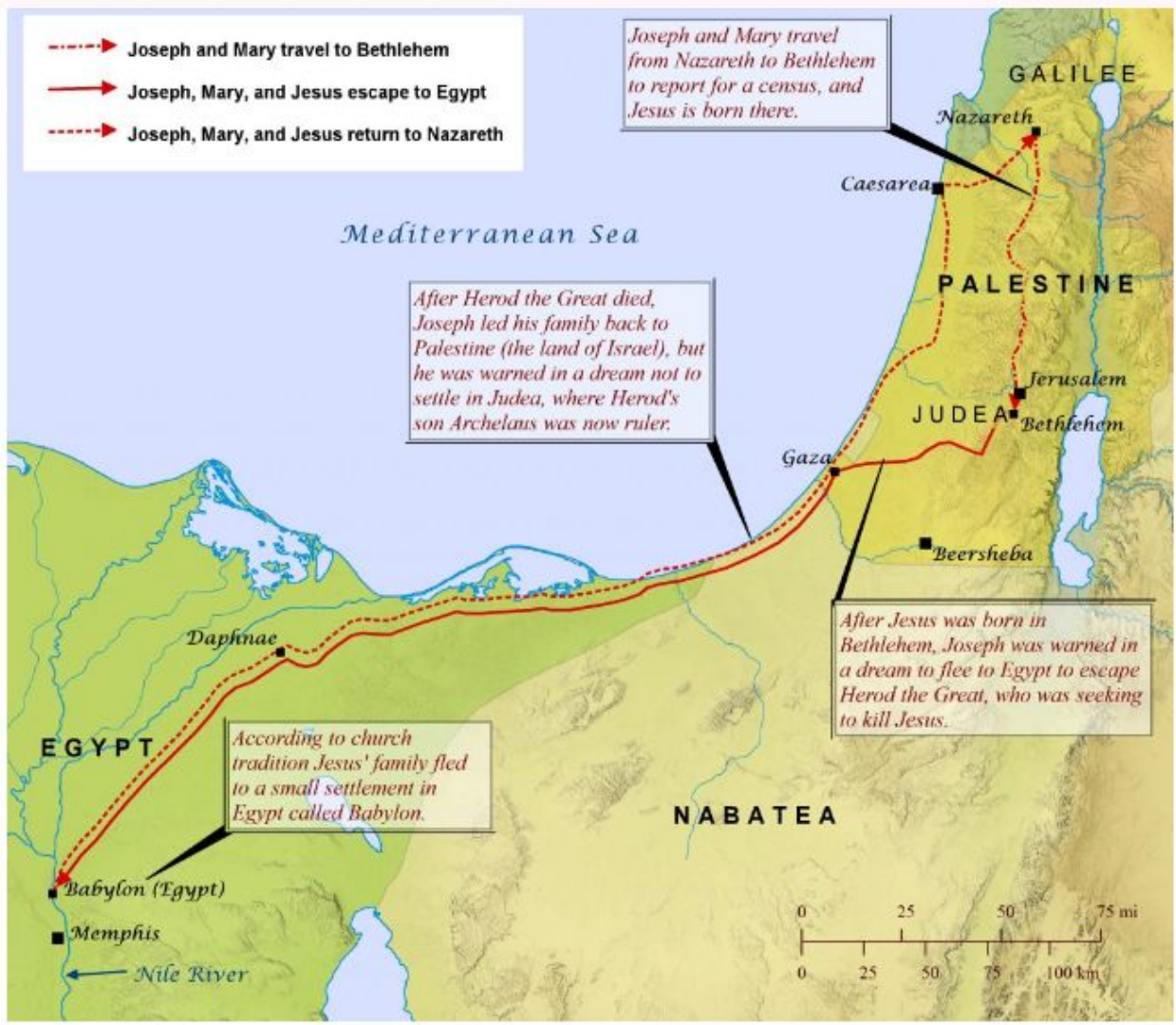
- - - - - ➔ **Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem**
- — — — — ➔ **Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape to Egypt**
- - - - - ➔ **Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to Nazareth**

*Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to report for a census, and Jesus is born there.*

*After Herod the Great died, Joseph led his family back to Palestine (the land of Israel), but he was warned in a dream not to settle in Judea, where Herod's son Archelaus was now ruler.*

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Joseph was warned in a dream to flee to Egypt to escape Herod the Great, who was seeking to kill Jesus.*

*According to church tradition Jesus' family fled to a small settlement in Egypt called Babylon.*

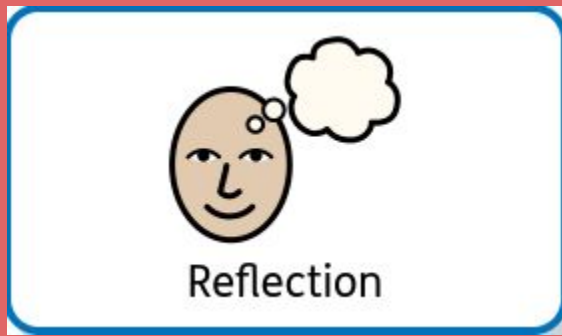


**What can we learn from Mary and Joseph's escape to Egypt?**

**How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they received the message that they would have to leave their home?**

**Why did they make that decision?**

**What does it tell us about their faith?**



**The story teaches us that God had a plan for Mary and Joseph and that the promise made that they would be safe if they went to Egypt came true.**

**Another important lesson is that God put his faith in Mary and Joseph, even though they may not have been the most successful or wealthy people - they had good hearts.**

**Mary and Joseph escaped to Egypt because they had faith and believed in God's plan, because of this they managed to keep themselves and their son Jesus safe.**

Can you think of a time in your life when you might have to have faith and hope?

What are some things that we might hope for?





Let us sing.



# Silent Night



Closing Words.



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The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

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and also with you.