

December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Sirach 3:2–6
Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
Colossians 3:12–17
Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23



We Pray

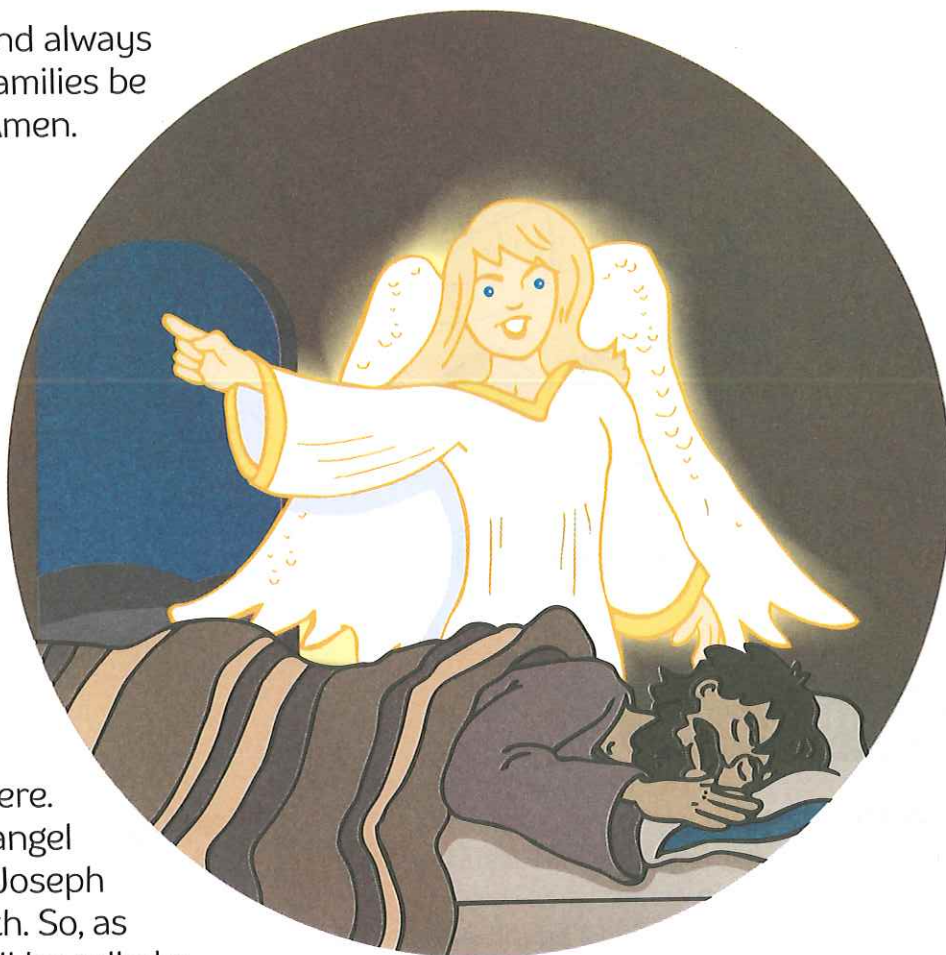
Lord, may we listen to you and always honor our parents. May all families be guided by the Holy Family. Amen.



The Word of God This Week

Listen to God

In a dream, an angel told Joseph that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus, so the family must flee to Egypt. After Herod died, an angel told Joseph it was safe to return to Israel. Yet Herod's son now ruled Judea, and Joseph feared going back there. Finally, in a third dream, an angel told Joseph to go to Galilee. Joseph settled the family in Nazareth. So, as the prophet had said, "He will be called a Nazarene."

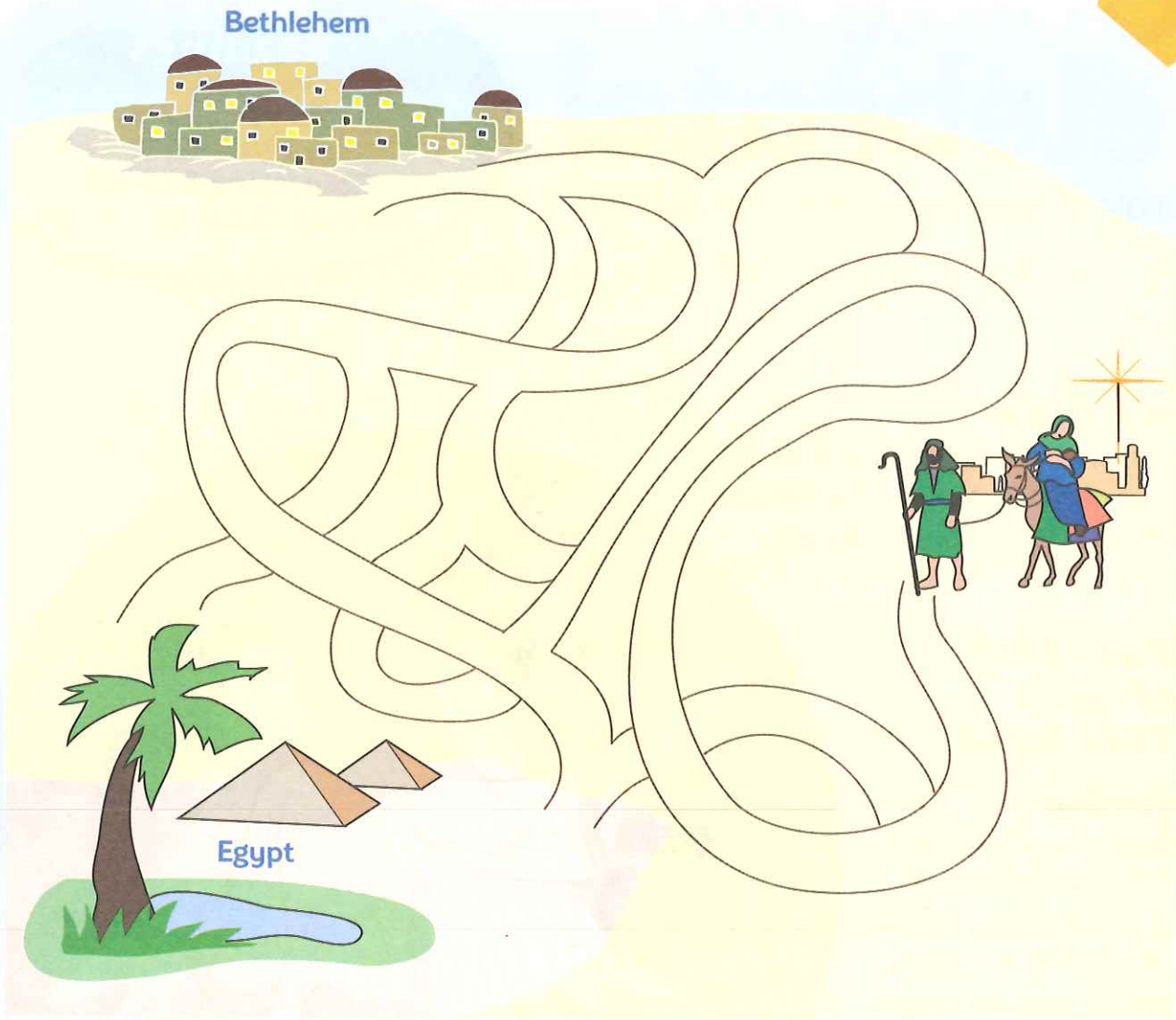


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Activity

An angel told Joseph to take the Holy Family to Egypt and then to Nazareth. Help them find their way from Bethlehem to Egypt to Nazareth.

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Family Corner

Faith Focus

The world wasn't perfect when Jesus was born. To keep Jesus safe, God sent an angel to tell Joseph to take his family to Egypt. Joseph did so. Despite any fears he may have had, Joseph moved forward in faith. Today's world isn't perfect either. But today's Gospel is indeed good news. God works within our families. With or without angels in our dreams, we can move forward in faith each day.

Family Activity

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Help your family move forward in faith as the new year approaches. Gather together with a calendar for the coming year. First, mark each person's birthday. Then add other special days, such as baptismal anniversaries and civic celebrations. Discuss: What were the special times your family enjoyed in the past year? What would you like to repeat? What stresses did you face, and what helped you get through them?