

## FAMILY ESCAPES FROM WICKED KING HEROD

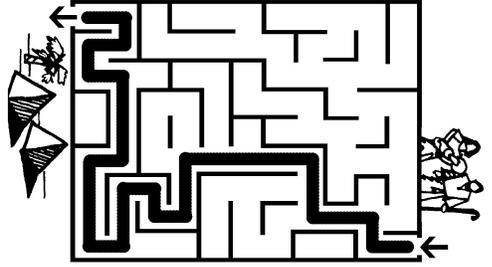
(Bethlehem) — There was lots of celebrating in this little farm town when a young woman named Mary gave birth to a baby boy one night. Shepherds outside of town had heard the news from angels in the sky. They came into town to see the brand new baby.

But the wicked king of Israel, Herod, was upset. Somebody had told him this new baby, whose name "Jesus" means "God wins the battle," might become a king. Herod thought Jesus would try to take the throne away from him when he grew up.

So Herod sent his soldiers down to Bethlehem to find the baby and get rid of him. An angel came to Joseph, Mary's husband, and said, "Take the baby and his mother and get out of town before the sun comes up. Go down to Egypt where you can be safe." Joseph obeyed. They just got out of Bethlehem in time. The king's soldiers did not find out where they had gone. And later when the king was dead, they came back to their own country to live again.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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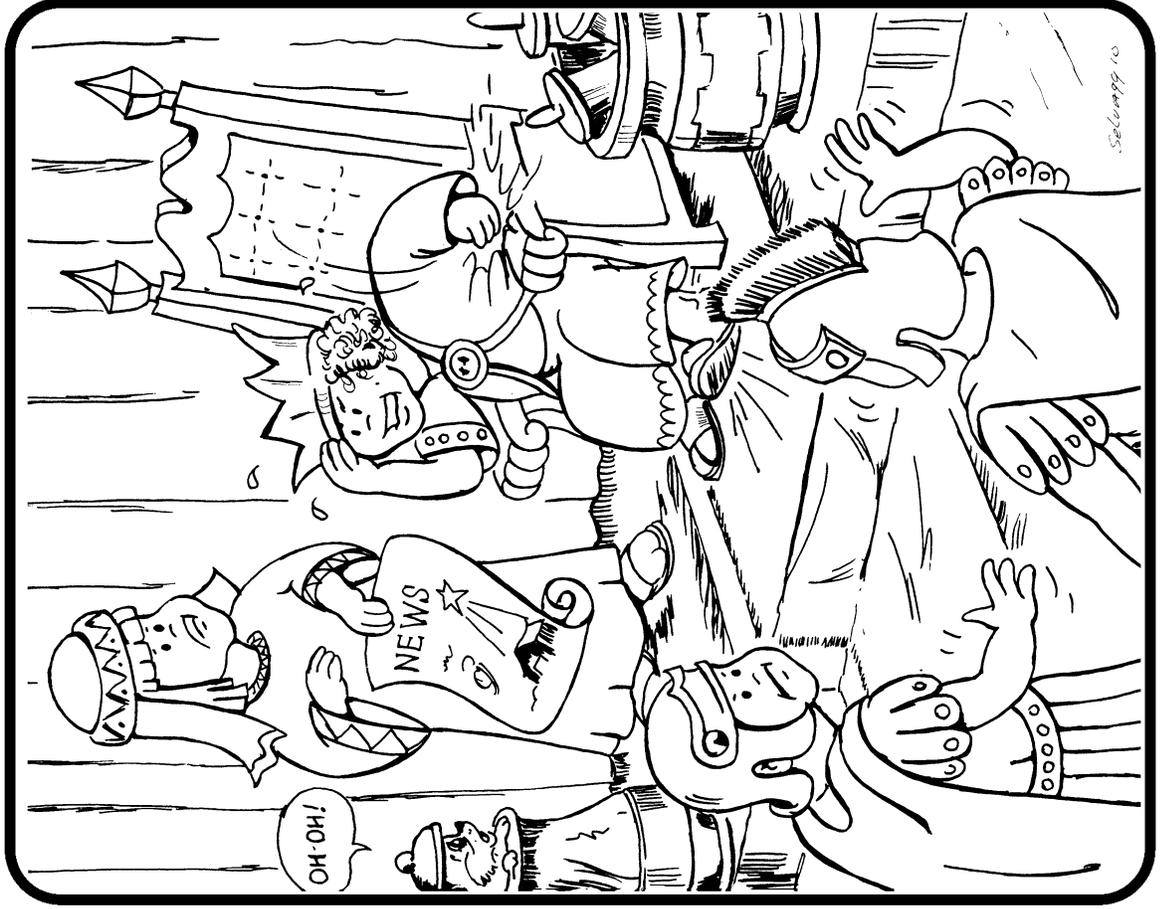
### ANSWERS

PICTURE DIFFERENCES:

1. SWEAT BEADS
2. MESSENGER'S CUFFS
3. KING HEROD'S CROWN
4. MESSENGER'S FEET
5. KING HEROD'S SLEEVE
6. SCROLLS

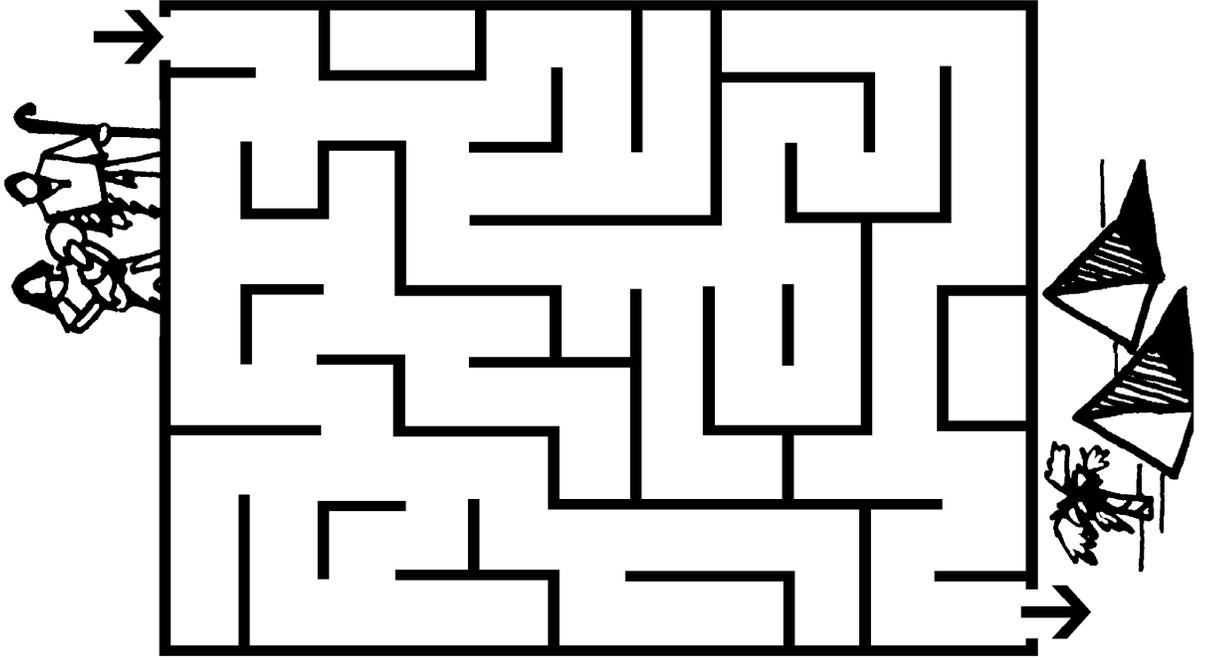
# Gospel Grams

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



September 10

**Gus The Gospel Gopher** says: "It was a scary night when Joseph had to get Mary and Jesus out of bed and leave town in a hurry. I wonder how they could find the right road to Egypt? Maybe you can help them. Draw a line to show them how to get from Bethlehem to Egypt."



**Picture Differences.** Bad King Herod sent soldiers to find the baby Jesus, but he was too late ... Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had escaped to Egypt. Can you find 6 differences in the two pictures of King Herod in his palace?

