

The Refugees

Key Word: **Savior**

Key Verse: "She will bear a son; and you shall give him the name of Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 2:21*

The landscape was hazardous. Joe had made a sling for the baby out of his shirt, and they took turns carrying him. It was dusk when they reached the border. Joe pushed out of his mind all those reports of transit camps for refugees, which were more like prisons than freedom. Anything would be better than living in the constant fear of violence from the government or the planes flying overhead. Perhaps one day it would be possible to return to the home he loved, if the government was ousted. Joe was determined that his firstborn son should have good opportunities.

"Come on," he muttered softly to Marie, "we're almost there." He took the baby from her and held her hand as they began to scramble down. He was concerned about Marie. She was exhausted. He decided, "This is too much. We'll sleep now and cross in the morning."

Joe slept well that night, and was awakened by a weird dream, in which their little son had grown into a man and was guiding them. "I will lead you," his son was saying. "Do whatever your instincts tell you. You will be safe." Joe

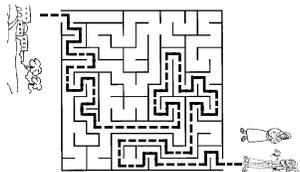
glanced at the baby who opened his eyes and seemed to give Joe such a knowing look. Joe woke Marie and the baby and they began the five-mile trip.

When they walked through the gates of the refugee camp, a crowd came to meet them. They were scruffy, but they were alive. "Where there's life, there's hope," Joe thought. He looked around. He could make a living here, and maybe as his new son grew up he'd learn to help, too. Even in these miserable surroundings Joe felt real hope. He smiled at the crowd who had gathered around them, and held his son tightly. "Merry Christmas," he said.

Questions

How is the baby in the story like the baby Jesus was?

Why was King Herod so afraid of the baby Jesus?



Maze

Word Find

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Word Find

Answers

Secret Phrase:
I have called my son.

OUT OF EGYPT	DREAM
PROPHET	ANGEL
HEROD	LORD
MOTHER	APPEARED
JOSEPH	SEEKING

Word Scramble

Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 2:13-23

