

An Urgent Dream

Name: _____

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Be very careful, then, how you live
—not as unwise but as wise,
Ephesians 5:15 (NIV)

Escape to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-23

“Get up, Joseph!” said an angel in a dream. “Take Jesus and Mary and escape to Egypt, right now!”

Joseph and his family lived in Bethlehem for about two years after Jesus was born. Things had seemed nice in Bethlehem. But, this week had been strange: First, a bright star appeared in the sky over their house. Then a group of strangers came and gave Jesus special gifts. Now, Joseph had this dream of an angel saying to leave town immediately, because King Herod was going to try and kill Jesus.

Joseph knew what to do. He got up quickly, woke Mary and packed a few of their things. Quietly, they left town while it was still dark.

After a long walk and many days, they arrived in Egypt and stayed there. Maybe they heard the news of how Herod’s soldiers had rushed into Bethlehem and killed all the baby boys two years old and younger. Joseph’s quick obedience had saved Jesus! They stayed in Egypt until an angel told Joseph it was safe to go back to Israel.

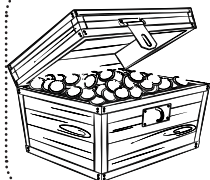


What did we discover?

- 1) Joseph got a message from _____ during a dream.
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- 2) Joseph responded _____ to the message.
SLOWLY EVENTUALLY QUICKLY
- 3) They left the same _____ while it was still dark.
NIGHT WEEK MONTH
- 4) Joseph’s quick _____ saved Jesus’ life.
PLANNING OBEDIENCE TALKING



How can I be quick to obey?



Real obedience doesn't wait around.
Practicing quick obedience now prepares me for more important things.



**God,
Help me be quick
to respond to You.**

