

Escape to Egypt

Where is it? Matthew 2

Story Summary: Before they found Jesus, the wise men had gone to see King Herod to ask where the new "King of the Jews" was. King Herod did not want there to be another King so he wanted to hurt Jesus. God warned Joseph in a dream that Herod had plans to hurt Jesus, and told them to go to Egypt. So Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escaped to Egypt.

Bible Verse to memorize: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Sing to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."

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What do we want the child to learn? God took care of his son, Mary and Joseph obeyed God.

Small Motor Activities:

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- Gather **two bowls, peanuts, and tongs**. Place all the peanuts in one bowl. Tell the child that these peanuts represent Jesus and his family. They are in Bethlehem until an angel warns them to flee. Let the child use the tongs to transfer the "family" to Egypt. Then let them transfer them back after the angel says it is safe to return. As an extension, count the peanuts and talk about how many are left (subtraction,) how many in both bowls, (addition,) etc.

Large Motor Activities:

- Play chase. However, set up a "safe spot" that whenever a person is touching the safe spot, they cannot be tagged. In the same way, God took his son Jesus to a safe spot where Herod could not get him.

Other Ideas:
