Flight into Egypt

1. At Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus.
2. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family.

During lesson time your child:

• listened to and reflected on the story Flight into Egypt;
• created an artistic response to the story Flight into Egypt;
• completed word activities based on the story Flight into Egypt;
• identified Joseph as the protector of Mary and Jesus.

When king Herod heard that the wise men had found a new king, he wanted this King destroyed. He sent his soldiers to Bethlehem to find Jesus, but they did not find him. God sent an angel in a dream to warn Joseph that the soldiers were searching for Jesus. So that night Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt, where they would be safe. They stayed in Egypt until it was safe for them to go back home to Nazareth.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child’s understanding of the passage by asking him or her ‘I wonder’ questions; e.g. I wonder . . . how they felt moving to a new land? e.g. I wonder . . . what life was like in Egypt? e.g. I wonder . . . why King Herod wanted to kill the baby boys.
2. If you are from overseas, talk to your child about the experience of coming to Australia.
3. If you have ever moved house, talk to your child about it.
4. Talk to your child if you have ever moved to a new school, your first day of school.

To Remember:

We think of Jesus with the Jesse Tree.
We think of Jesus with the Christmas Tree.
After Jesus was born an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take Mary and the baby from Bethlehem. Help the Holy Family find their way to Egypt.

Dear God,
you kept Joseph, Mary and Jesus safe.
Please keep all people safe. Amen.