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## THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Soon after the wise men had gone away, God sent another dream to Joseph. He saw an angel, who spoke to him, saying, “rise up quickly. Take the Child and His Mother, and go down to the land of Egypt, for Herod will try to find the little Child to kill Him.”

At once Joseph rose up in the night, and took his wife and her Child, and quickly went with them down to Egypt. There they stayed as long as the wicked King Herod lived, which was not many in months.

King Herod waited for the wise men to come back to him from their visit to Bethlehem, but he soon found out that they had already gone to their home. This made Herod very angry. He sent out his soldiers to Bethlehem and commanded them to kill all the little children in Bethlehem who were two years old or younger, just to be sure that he would kill Jesus. What a cry went up to God from the mothers of these children who were torn from their arms and killed! These first martyrs who gave their lives for Jesus are called the Holy Innocents.

When the soldiers came to the village and cruelly killed all the little children there, they did not kill the Child Jesus. He was far away by that time, lying safe and warm in His Mother’s arms, journeying on to the distant country King Herod’s cruel hate could not reach Him.

Soon after King Herod died. The angel came again and spoke to Joseph in a dream, saying, “You may now take the Child back to His own land, for the king who wanted to kill Him is now dead.”

Then Joseph took his wife and little Child Jesus, and began his journey back to the land of Judea. He was afraid to go to Bethlehem because the son Herod was now ruling there. Instead he took his wife and the Child Jesus to Nazareth, which had been his own home town and that of Mary his wife, before the Child was born.

## **CHAPTER 7: THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

**1) WHY DID JOESPH AND MARY HAVE TO LEAVE EGYPT?**

**2) WHO TRIED TO FIND AND KILL BABY JESUS?**

**3) WHAT DID KING HEROD COMMAND THE SOLDIERS TO DO WHEN THE WISE MEN DID NOT RETURN?**

**4) THE FIRST MARTYRS WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR JESUS WERE CALLED WHAT?**

**5) WHERE DID JOSEPH AND MARY GO AFTER THE DEATH OF KING HEROD?**

**6) WHO BECAME KING AFTER KING HEROD DIED?**

**7) WHAT WAS THE NAME JOSEPH AND MARY'S HOMETOWN?**

