

PROMISES KEPT

Lesson 4



A SON BROUGHT OUT OF EGYPT

Scriptures

Hosea 11:1
Matthew 2:1-15

Memory Verse

Lord, you are everything
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to obey your words.
Psalm 119:57 (NirV)

The Promise: “The Lord continues, “When Israel was a young nation, I loved them. I chose to bring my son out of Egypt.” Hosea 11:1 (NirV)

The Promise Kept: We have seen that God kept His promise of a virgin having a baby. The Holy Spirit made it possible for Mary to be the mother of Jesus. We have also seen Him put that baby, His Son, in the family line of David, to rule forever on King David’s throne. We, too, have seen God prompt the emperor of the entire Roman Empire to count his people, making a way for the Savior of the world to be born in Bethlehem. But this last promise seems impossible, doesn’t it? Joseph and Mary were from Nazareth. They traveled to Bethlehem, but what does that have to do with Egypt? Egypt was far away. Why would they even go to Egypt? Let’s find out.

Remember, Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, in the region of Judea. Not only was Augustus Caesar the emperor of the Roman Empire, but a man named Herod was king over this region of Judea. After Jesus’ birth in a stable in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary didn’t immediately return to Nazareth, they moved into a house there in Bethlehem.

It was during this time that Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. These Wise Men studied the stars. While they were still in their own country, God sent a star to announce the birth of His Son and they saw it. They knew that the star announced something big! When they arrived in Jerusalem they asked about a newborn king, “Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2 NirV) They wise men had come all this way to worship Jesus.

But when King Herod heard about a newborn king, he was very upset, along with everyone in Jerusalem. Instead of being ready to worship, too, there was nothing but selfish worrying. So Herod called together all the teachers of the law and the priests. He asked them where God’s promised Son would be born. They all knew exactly where He was to be born. God had promised that His Son would come out of Bethlehem. That is where the newborn king would be born.

When he heard this, Herod wanted to speak to the Wise Men in secret. He wanted to know exactly when the star had appeared. Then Herod sent the Wise Men to Bethlehem. He encouraged them, “Go! Make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find Him, bring me a report. Then I can go worship Him, too.” (Matthew 2:8 NirV)

As the Wise Men left King Herod, they saw the star that had led them to Jerusalem. They were so excited to see the star again. It led them to Bethlehem. They didn’t find a palace where many people were coming and going, worshipping the newborn king. What they found as they star stopped, was a normal house. The

Lesson Goals

- To understand that God promised to send His Son
- To understand that God promised His Son would be brought out of Egypt
- To understand that God keeps His promises

Life Application

Who are you most like, the Wise Men or King Herod? Is your worship of Jesus real or is it just for show?

God gives the gift of eternal life when we choose to follow Him.

The Wise men gave Jesus gifts and they worshipped Him. How about you? What gift will you give to Jesus?

Have you given him your heart, trusting Him to guide you? Have you given Him all of you, so that He can be in control?

God has kept His promises. Will you make a promise to follow Him all the days of your life? Will you worship Him today?

Wise Men went into the house. Young Jesus was there with his mother, Mary. The Wise Men did what they may not have even done to King Herod. They bowed down and worshipped Jesus. Then they brought out their gifts. They gave Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As the Wise Men left, God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. They obeyed and they went home another way.

After the Wise Men's visit, Joseph had a dream. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph again and warned him, "Get up! Take the child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to come back. Herod is going to search for the child. He wants to kill Him." (Matthew 2:13 NIV) So Joseph got up and they left during the night, headed for Egypt. They stayed there until King Herod died. God kept His promise - "I chose to bring my Son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1)

Review

- What was God's promise? (to bring His Son out of Egypt)
- Did God keep His promise? (Yes.)
- How did God keep His promise? (by sending Joseph, Mary, and a young Jesus to Egypt for safety.)
- Why did they need safety? (King Herod was jealous. He wanted to kill Jesus.)

Preschool Lesson

An Idea

Bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh if you have them.

If not, bring brightly decorated boxes to show your students.

Talk about the Wise Men's gifts. What can they give to Jesus?

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Activities

● Make star shaped cookies. Decorate them with royal colors.

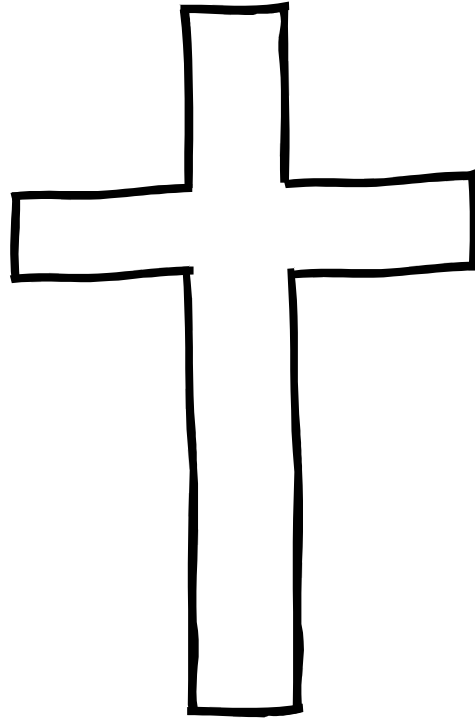
● Make stain-glassed stars with multicolored tissue paper.

● Re-enact the story. Bring a large cardboard box for the house. Bring robes and boxes for the Wise Men. Bring a crown for King Herod. Be sure to hang a star above the house.

● Make maps for the journey to Egypt.

● Play a Gift Unwrapping Relay. Form two teams with your students. A student from each team will run to the designated area, unwrap a gift, and race back. Play continues until a team unwraps their gifts first.

● Plan to perform a play after Bible Study for all your parents. Provide refreshments.



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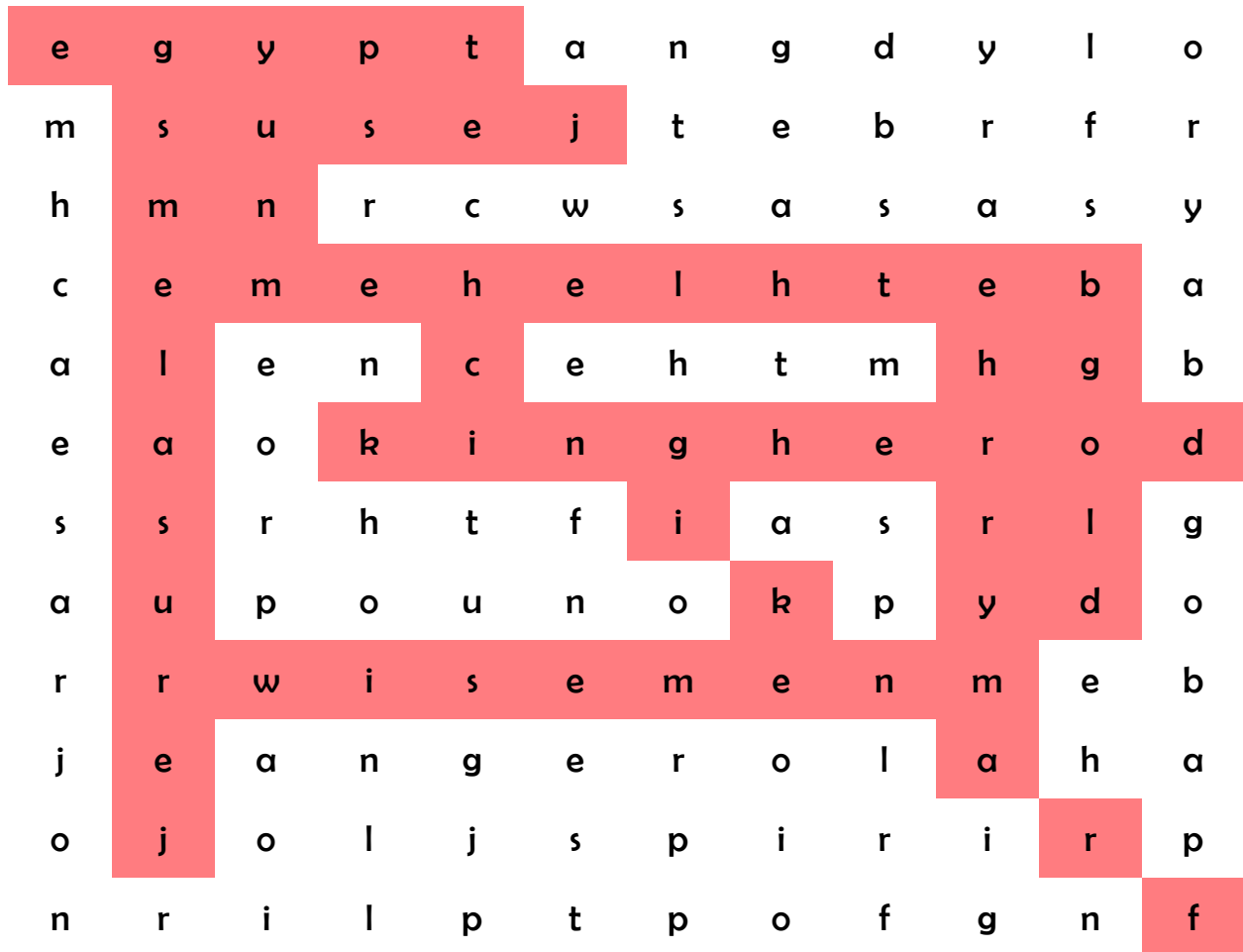
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