

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
Sunday after Nativity
The Escape to Egypt

Read the Gospel Passage. Matthew 2:13-23

Contextual Background:

- Jesus and His family moved/lived about 100 miles away from where he was born.

Discussion Questions:

1. How far away from where you were born do you now live? Would you go back to your birthplace to live? Why? (DISCUSSION)
2. What would be 3 cities/states/places you would never want to live in? What would it take for you to move there? (DISCUSSION)
3. If you or your parents were forced to move to another country to work/retire, how would you feel? (DISCUSSION)
4. Josef and the Theotokos made some large leaps of faith in trusting the dreams God gave them and the words the angel provided them. What have been some large leaps of faith you've encountered in your life? (DISCUSSION)
5. Herod felt threatened/challenged in his position/authority by the foretelling of a Messiah. When have you felt your authority/position challenged and how does our faith instruct us to react in these situations? (DISCUSSION)
6. Josef and the Theotokos were in danger with Herod's decree to find and kill Christ as an infant. When have you felt your life/job/well-being was in danger? (DISCUSSION)
7. Jesus, the Theotokos, and Josef had a very long journey together with many bumps in the road as a family. What have been the bumps/challenges in your journey as a family? What has helped in those challenges? (DISCUSSION)