

Matthew 2:13-15

In and Out of Egypt

Of all places ...

I. A Warning from Heaven

A. An Earthly Threat

B. The Flight to Egypt (is this where they get the refuge ides?)

II. The Fulfillment of Prophecy

A. Divinely Directed

B. An Act of Love

... the house of bondage.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why did Jesus's family have to go to Egypt?
2. What do you remember about Egypt and God's people from the Old Testament – the time of Moses?
3. How does what God did for Israel in Egypt remind us of what Jesus did for us? (if you are having trouble, ask your parent to help you)

A Dream About a Nightmare

God plan of salvation through Jesus was worked out in space and time and therefore the human depravity that plagues this earth factors into the way things pan out. To think that the Son of God as a helpless infant needed to be whisked to Egypt of all places boggles the mind, yet the potential damage that could have been done should Herod have his way is unfathomable as well. The dream Joseph had warned against an inestimable nightmare. He heeded the alarm and "saved" his adoptive son by obeying God. Jesus had to be spared. There would be other plots to kill Jesus to come, but we will discover that they could not unfold because, as we learn, "it was not yet time." When it was time Jesus would give Himself to crucifixion willingly so that we, who were in enslave to sin (think Israel in Egypt), and could be set free from the tyranny of the devil, death and depravity.