

**MEASURE UP**

# **FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

**JESUS AND HIS FAMILY'S ESCAPE TO EGYPT WHEN THEY WERE IN DANGER.**



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to safety.**

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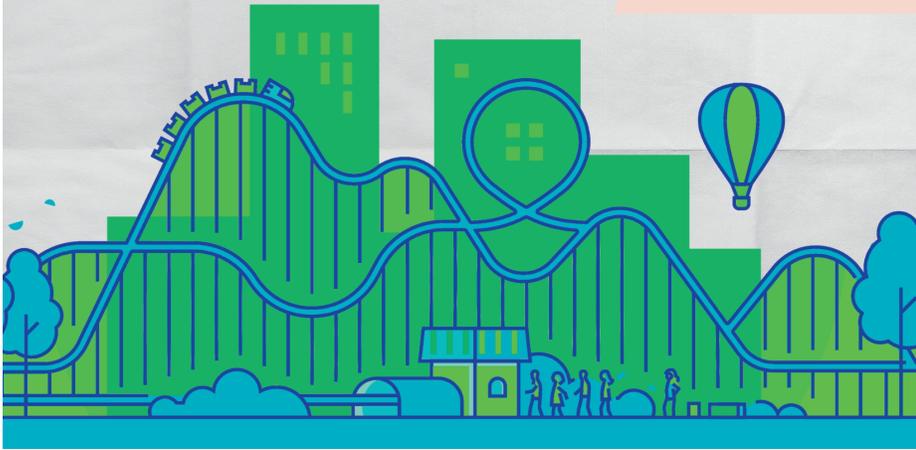
## **THIS MONTH**

“When I’m older!” “When I’m taller!”  
Every kid is excited to grow up — even if it’s just to finally ride  
that big kid roller coaster they’ve had their eye on.

This five-week series is about another kid who grew up — Jesus!

Through stories from Jesus’ early life and ministry, kids will learn  
five important truths to help them continue growing: God guides  
us to safety, we can love God with our actions, we can follow  
Jesus, God makes us ready at the right time, and God’s words  
help us make wise choices.

# measure up



## THIS WEEK, KIDS HEARD ABOUT JESUS AND HIS FAMILY'S ESCAPE TO EGYPT WHEN THEY WERE IN DANGER.

Matthew 2:13–23; Isaiah 63:7–9

When Jesus was born, Herod was the ruler of the area — the big boss. Herod loved being the king. He sat on his throne and took long naps (Maybe??)

But one day, he got some disturbing news. Some wise men, or Magi, dropped by and told Herod they were searching for a baby who would be king of the Jews! Can you guess what baby that was? (Jesus!)

Herod was not happy about this news. But he had a plan. Herod told the wise men to find the baby, then to tell him. Herod said he wanted to worship the new king too. But, secretly, he wanted to get rid of the baby.

However, the Magi didn't go back to Herod to tell him about Jesus because God warned them in a dream. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were safe for now, but it wouldn't stay that way. While Herod was up to his sneaky plan, God was looking out for Jesus and sent an angel to appear to Joseph in a dream.

While Joseph snored, the angel said, "Take your wife and baby and get out of here. Escape to Egypt and stay there until I tell you the coast is clear. Herod is looking for you." Joseph woke up from his dream, woke up Mary and the baby, and ran away to Egypt. Herod was so mad that he started to look everywhere for this baby king. I mean, everywhere!

Every boy two years old and under was a threat. But he never found the baby he was looking for. They were safely in Egypt. Years later, after Herod died, the angel gave them the all-clear, and Joseph and his family went back to Israel to a town called Nazareth. God sent an angel to keep Jesus and his family safe when they didn't even know they were in danger!

In the same way, God watches over us and can guide us to safety and protection when we're scared, in danger, or confused.

**READ** the Recap of this week's Lesson.

**READ** the Suggested Scripture and/or supplied questions.

**WORSHIP** with your family!

Complete an **ACTIVITY** with your family!

**MEMORIZE** scripture with your family!

Access additional Resources using QR Code.



Using the attached QR Code do the following with your family:

- Watching the additional teaching video.
  - Preschool and/or Elementary
- Use the includes music/videos to find the suggested music.
- Locate the additional Take home "Bible Booklet"/ "Scripture Reading Plan" and do some additional activities.
- Memorize Matthew 6:33 (NIV) together by learning the ASL actions.



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God guides us to **safety**.



- How did Joseph know where his family was supposed to go?
- Why did Jesus need to escape with his family?
- When did Jesus and his family know it was safe to return to Israel?
- Read Isaiah 63:7. What words does the author use to describe God?
- Can you think of a time when you felt safe?
- When might be a time that you would need to remember that God is with you? Who are the people in your life who keep you safe?

## Worship

“One Me” → (Grow Kids VBS)

“Why He Came”

→ (Lifeway Kids Worship)

This month, your kids are memorizing the Bible verse Matthew 6:33 (NIV) in case you want to work on them together.

**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

**Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**

## Activity

As a family create a large maze using Play-Doh, or anything else you have on hand, on a flat surface.

Kids will guide Jesus' family (a ping pong ball) from one end (Israel) to the other (Egypt) by blowing through a straw.

Scan QR code for an idea of what it might look like.

Now that you all have had a little experience in being a guide, what do you think . . . is it an easy job? Not always. Sometimes the thing you're guiding seems to have a mind of its own, right?

It's kind of like us. Lots of times, we do things our own way without asking God about it, and sometimes that leads us into trouble or danger. But God is always with us and redirects us so that we can go the right way again. And not only does God guide us away from our bad choices, but God guides us to safety, also.