



BIG IDEA

What God says always comes true.

GOD STORY

Joseph Listens to God (Matthew 2:13–23)

KEY VERSE

"I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. I have kept on loving you with a kindness that never fails." (Jeremiah 31:3b, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. To lead into today's story, chat about:
 - Do you always do what you say you're going to do?
 - What kinds of things do you always do when you say you will?
 - What kinds of things do you forget to do?
- b. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **What God says always comes true.**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss & Pray

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the video teaching together:
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? What about in the God Story?
 - How do these stories connect with today's Big Idea (**What God says always comes true**)?
 - Why did Mary, Joseph, and Jesus flee to Egypt?
 - How did Herod's command to his soldiers make you feel?
 - Why did Joseph and Mary trust his dream? (The angel was God's messenger, and **what God says always comes true**)
 - What does the word "prophecy" mean?
- b. Explain that the prophets in the Bible were special people whom God chose to speak for him about what would happen in the future. Many of the prophecies from the Old Testament came true in how Jesus was born! In fact, in this story alone, three Old Testament prophecies that were given hundreds of years earlier came true.
- c. Pray together. Thank God that what he says always comes true!



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Large craft paper
- Drawing supplies
- Wall-safe tape

TIPS

- Four story scenes are highlighted in this activity. Depending on how many people participate, you could work individually or all together.
- Consider taping out the drawing areas on the paper so that there's the same amount of space for each scene.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Look up Matthew 2:13 and read aloud the verse.
- b. Assign one family member to draw this scene.
- c. Read Matthew 2:14 together.
- d. Ask someone else to draw what happens in this verse.
- e. Review what happens next, then flip to Matthew 2:20 and read it together.
- f. Invite someone to draw what happens in that verse.
- g. Read Matthew 2:21 together.
- h. Draw what happens in verse 21.
- i. Review all the drawings and retell the story together.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse Actions activity page

TIP

- If anyone in your family knows American Sign Language, invite them to teach some signs to go along with the words.

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Lead the kids to say Jeremiah 31:3 and do the following actions to go along with the words:

"I [point to self]
have loved [cross hands over heart]
you [point to someone]
with a love [cross hands over heart]
that lasts forever. [stretch arms as wide as possible]
I [point to self]
have kept on loving [cross hands over heart]
you [point to someone]
with a kindness [smile and point to your smile]
that never [wag finger]
fails." [thumbs down]
Jeremiah 31:3 (NIRV) [open hands like book]

- b. Once everyone is familiar with the words and actions, say the verse while the kids do the actions on their own. Then prompt them to say the words as you do the actions!