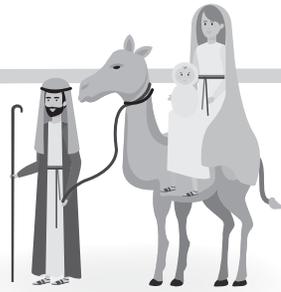


JOSEPH

MARCH 19 (AND MAY 1)



Saint of action!

St. Joseph was sound asleep after a long day. Suddenly, an angel spoke to him in a dream and told him to get up. Now. “Take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you,” the angel said. “Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph didn’t wait. He got up and took Mary and little baby Jesus to Egypt. Imagine what that must have been like! He didn’t have time to prepare, or even say good-bye to anyone. Then, there was Egypt, a foreign land. People spoke a different language and worshiped strange gods. Joseph didn’t know anyone there. How would he find work to support his family? But Joseph didn’t let any of this stop him from doing what God wanted.

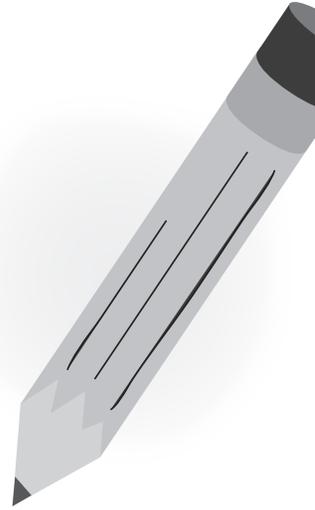
GOOD QUESTION!

As you think of Joseph bringing his family to Egypt, think of any kids who are new at school or in your neighborhood. Do you think they are scared? How can you make them feel welcome?

It isn’t always easy to do what God wants. Sometimes people want us to do what they want. Sometimes we want to do what we want, and we turn away from God. When we’re having trouble doing what God wants, we can remember St. Joseph. Make St. Joseph your friend and ask God for Joseph’s strength, courage, and goodness.

Powerful Friends, Powerful Prayers

Remember St. André? He prayed to our friend St. Joseph for help. We call this type of prayer an **INTERCESSION**. That’s a prayer that’s said on behalf of someone else. We can ask the saints to pray to Jesus on our behalf. The prayers of the saints are powerful! But we can pray on behalf of others too. Who are some people you know who need God’s help today? **Write their names here and pray for them this week!**



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GOOD to KNOW

The Bible tells us about the good things St. Joseph did, but nothing about what he said. Pope Francis says, “Be like St. Joseph: a man of dreams, not a dreamer; a man of silence, because he respects God’s plan.”