

How Far Is It?



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Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were walking to Jerusalem.



"How far is it?" asked Jesus.



“Not far,” said Joseph. “It is just over that hill.”



Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went over the hill.



"How far is it?" asked Jesus.



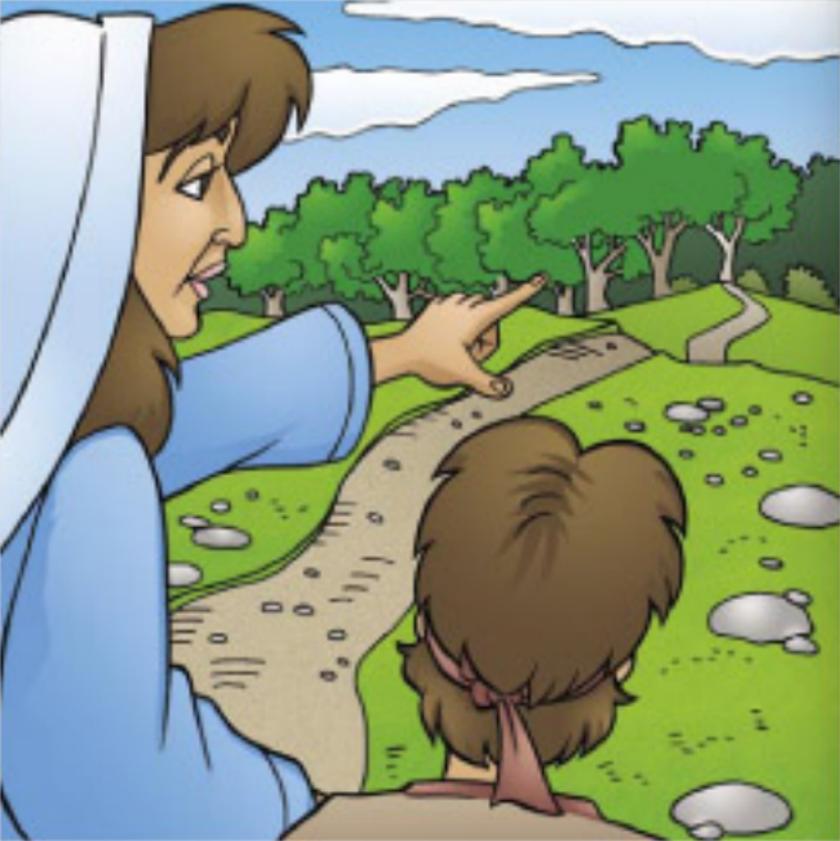
"Not far," said Mary. "It is just over that stream."



Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went over the stream.



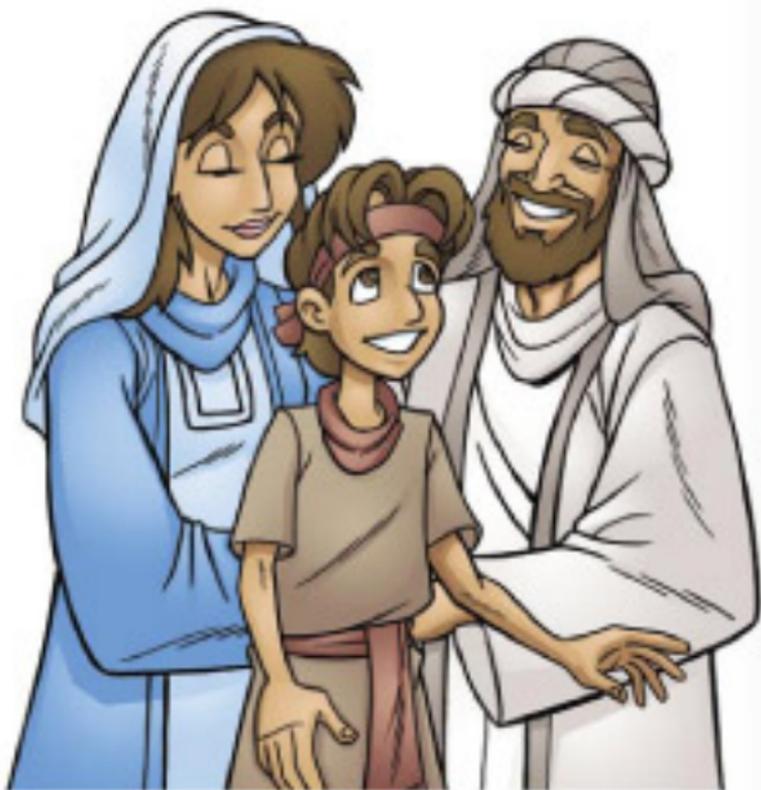
"Now how far is it?" asked Jesus.



"Not far," said Mary. "It's just past the woods."



Joseph, Mary, and Jesus went through the woods.



"Now how far is it?" asked Jesus.



"Not far at all," said Joseph and Mary.



"It is right in front of you!"



And Jesus looked up and saw Jerusalem.





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Literature Connection

Read aloud about Jesus' trip to Jerusalem from
Luke 2:41-52.

Conversation Starters

Why were Joseph, Mary, and Jesus traveling to Jerusalem?

How do you think Jesus felt about the trip?

What might it have been like to have Jesus in your family?



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