



COLORING BOOK

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

2020-2021

Draw a halo around Saint Joseph's head and color it gold or yellow. The halo is a sign artists use to show that Saint Joseph was a very holy man.

Saint Joseph worked as a carpenter. He was a strong, gentle man.



Saint Joseph had wonderful dreams. God sent Saint Joseph messages in his dreams. Joseph trusted God. Joseph was a good man who listened to these messages.



In his dream, Saint Joseph heard the message to welcome Mary as his wife. He had hope for their future together as a family.

Matthew 1:19-24



Joseph and Mary made a trip before baby Jesus was born. The city they visited was crowded with other travelers. They had no place to stay but they found shelter in a stable. When baby Jesus was born, they placed him in a soft bed. Saint Joseph was there protecting Mary and Jesus.

Luke 2: 1-7



There was a brilliant star in the sky during the birth of Jesus. Three kings from far away watched the star and set out to follow its light. They came to the stable and presented gifts to the baby Jesus. Joseph remained there quietly helping Mary.

Matthew 2: 1-12



Saint Joseph was a man of prayer. He had courage to be strong and helpful. Even if he did not always understand everything at the time, he knew the Lord would guide him to take care of his family.

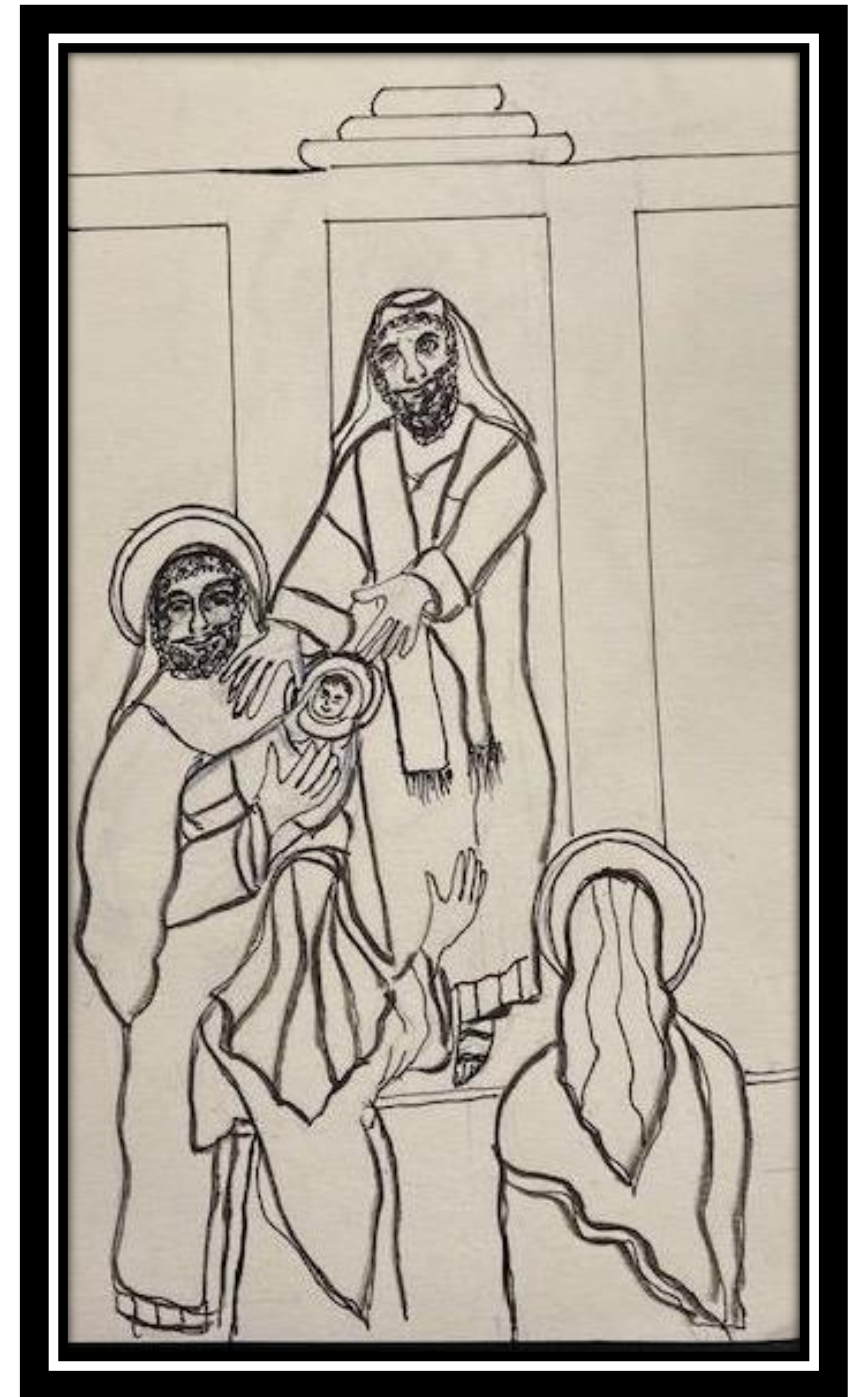


Saint Joseph loved Mary and Jesus.



In those times, people took their baby boys to the house of worship for a special ceremony. Joseph took baby Jesus. Simeon, a holy man took Jesus in his arms and blessed him. A very holy, elderly lady named Anna also spoke. Joseph listened to the words of Simeon and Anna. Joseph grew to realize that being the protector of Mary and Jesus was part of God's plan.

Luke 2: 22-38



Joseph had another dream. He knew that his family was living in difficult times. The Lord's message told him to take Mary and baby Jesus far away from their home. Again, Joseph trusted God. They started on a journey to Egypt where the family would be safe.

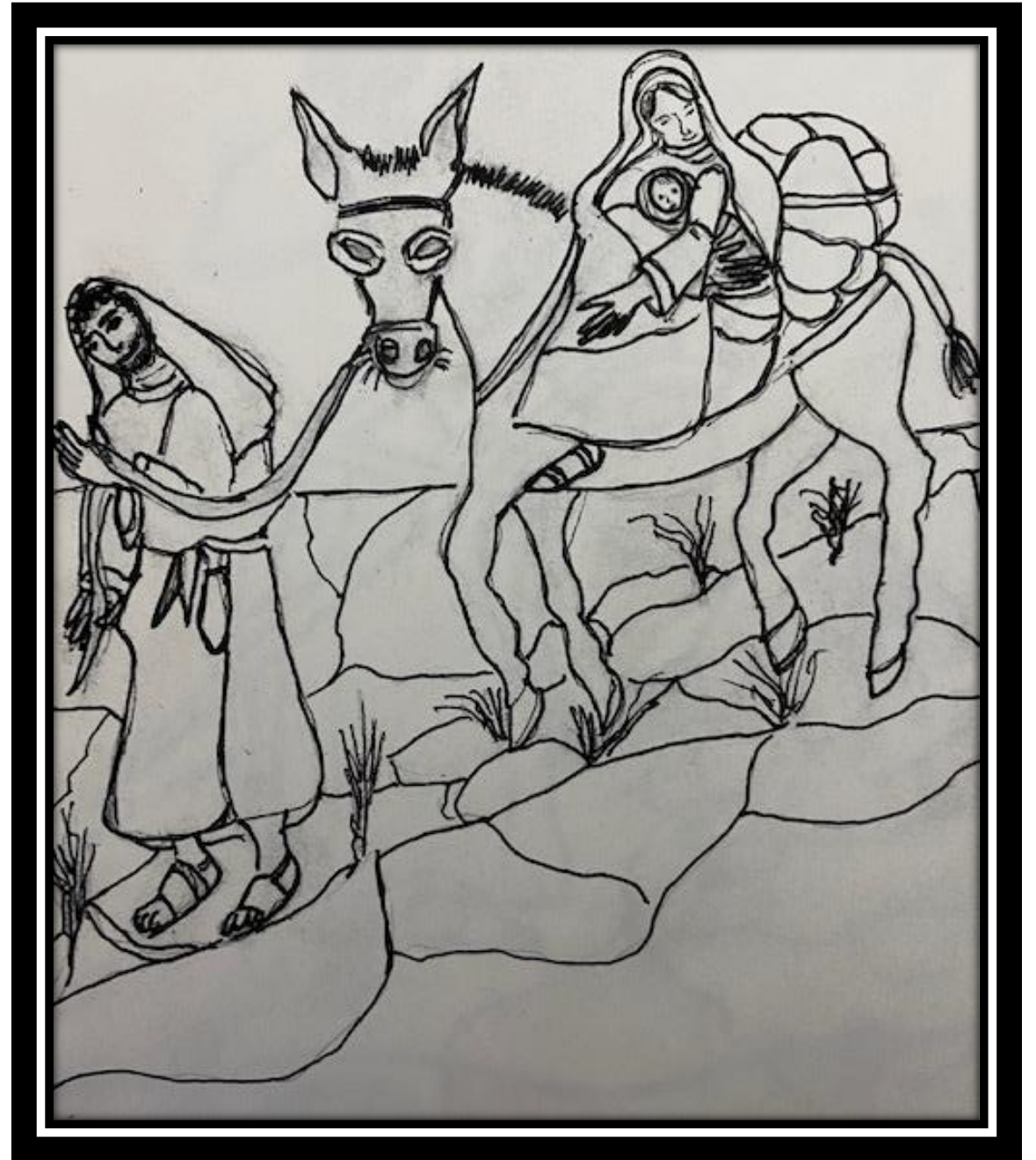
Matthew 2: 13-15



Joseph knew that his ancestors had to travel through the desert land. He also knew that the Lord had guided them safely to Egypt. Joseph trusted in God to bring them to a new and strange land. Joseph must have prayed and quietly thought about his dream as they were traveling.

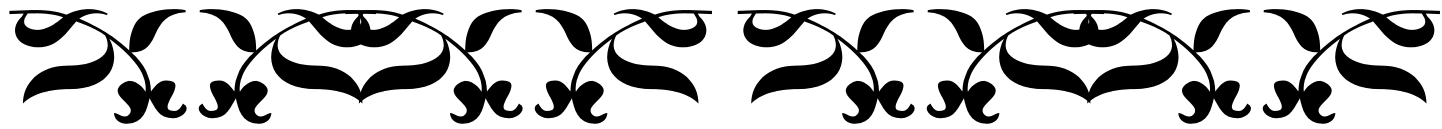


Joseph walked ahead and led their donkey on the journey to Egypt. He made certain Mary and Jesus were well-taken care of on the trip.



The desert land probably had many challenges, but Joseph was always there to help out.



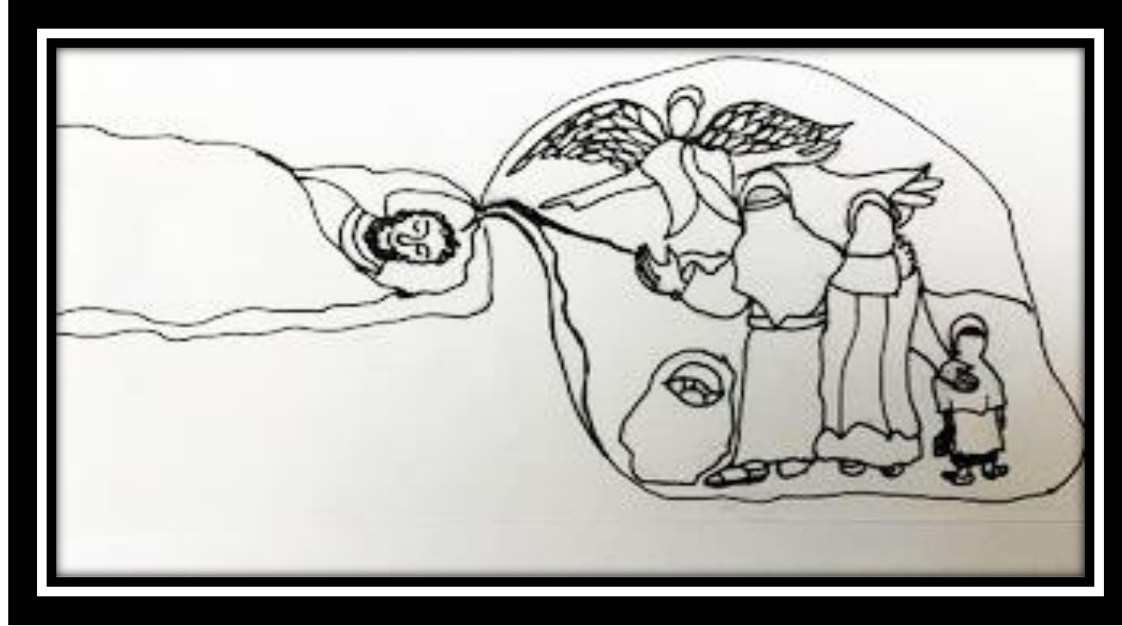


Saint Joseph loved Jesus and Mary. He took good care of the family when they reached Egypt.



The Lord sent another message to Joseph, telling him that it was now safe for the Holy Family to return home to Judea.

*Matthew
3:19-23*



Once again an angel brought Joseph a message. He probably thought about the message while he was working the next day. Soon they left Egypt and returned to their homeland.



Joseph worked as a carpenter when they arrived back in Judea. He taught Jesus many things: how to be a worker, how to pray and to read God's word.



When Jesus was twelve years old, he and his family went on a special trip called a pilgrimage where they joined many others in special prayers. On the way back home, Mary and Joseph became separated from Jesus. They were worried and looked everywhere for him. They found him teaching grown men about the Lord. Jesus told Joseph and Mary that he had been in his Father's house. Joseph again trusted that the Lord was guiding his family.

Luke 2: 41-52



Color this picture of Joseph. It is called an icon, which is a special picture of a Saint.



Here is another icon for you to color. As you color, think about Saint Joseph and you will understand more about why people ask his help in difficult times.

Saint Joseph, *Pray for Us.*

