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St. Joseph

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St. Joseph was Jesus' dad-on-earth
but we don't know a lot about him.

The Bible tells us that God chose
Joseph to be Jesus' dad-on-earth.
Joseph was told this when an angel
appeared to him in a dream.



St. Joseph,
you were chosen by God
to be Jesus' dad-on-earth.

You protected
Mary and Jesus from harm.

You taught Jesus
how to work with wood and stone.

You taught Jesus about God.

St Joseph,
please lead me to Jesus.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

There are two days each year that the Church especially remembers St. Joseph:

March 19:
The Feast of
St. Joseph,
the Husband
of Mary



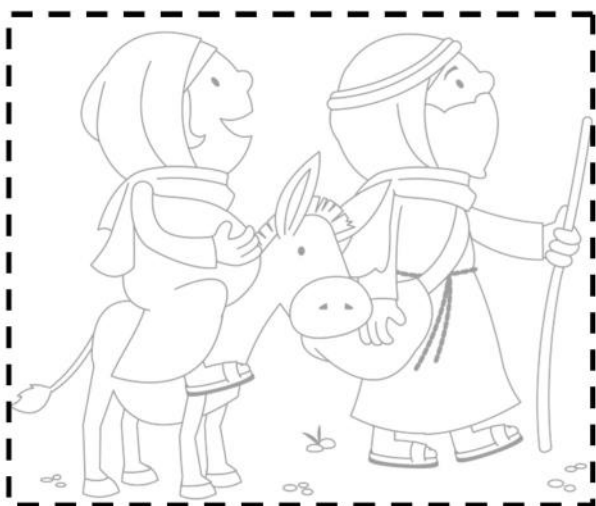
May 1:
The Feast of
St. Joseph the
Worker



The angel said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son and you are to name him Jesus. Jesus will save His people from their sins."

Joseph took Mary as his wife.





When it was almost time for the baby to be born, Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to be counted in a census.

Jesus was born while they were in Bethlehem!

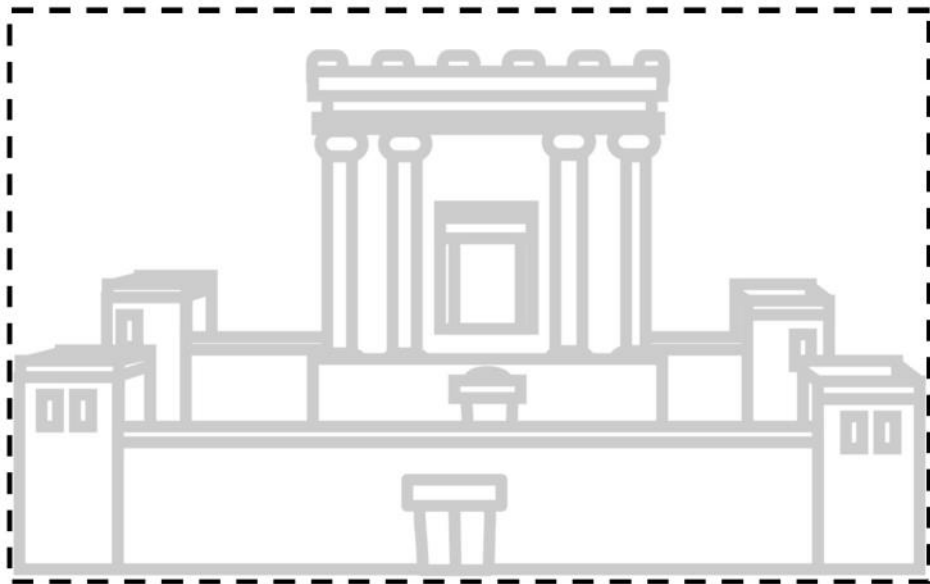


We know that Joseph was a carpenter — someone who built things with wood and stone. As his dad-on-earth, Joseph taught Jesus how to build things, too.



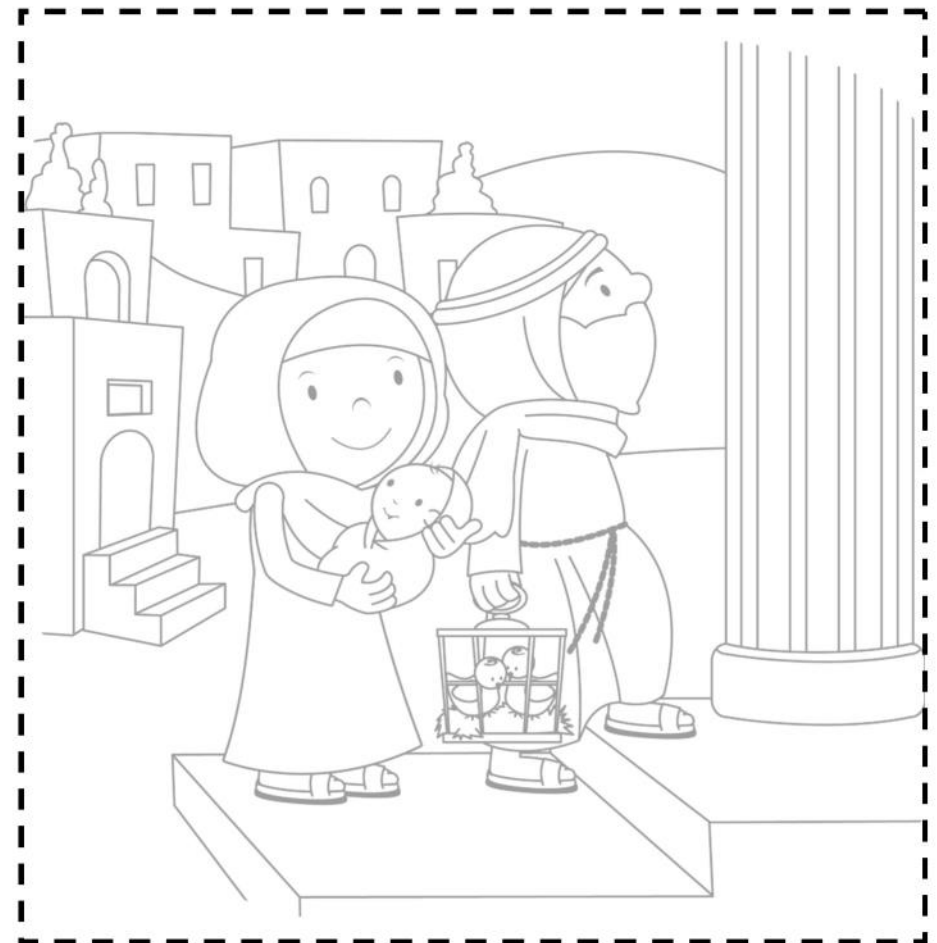
The last time Joseph is mentioned in the Bible is when Jesus was 12 years old.

Jesus was lost! After 3 days of looking for Jesus, Mary and Joseph found him in the temple, listening and asking questions.



Forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to God at the temple. They offered two turtledoves as a sacrifice.

Joseph was a Jew and he taught Jesus how to pray and live as a Jew.



Later an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt because King Herod wanted to hurt Jesus.



Joseph got up and immediately left for Egypt with Mary and Jesus.



While living in Egypt, an angel appeared again to Joseph in a dream. The angel said it was now safe to leave Egypt with Jesus and Mary.



Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Nazareth.