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Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Matthew 2:13-15



**Remember when we puzzled over this prophecy saying that God's Son would be born in Bethlehem, yet He would also be called out of Egypt? How amazing is it that God fulfilled both prophecies!?**

**On this 19th day of Advent, let's discuss the amazing way the Lord protected Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus, but once again we see how God spoke to them in a dream to show them the way to safety.**

**Sometimes in life we may have enemies that wish to harm us. We can turn to God as our protector, praying for Him to provide our means of escape when necessary. Jesus also teaches us to love our enemies and to bless those who persecute you. That doesn't mean that when someone is trying to harm you that you should just let them. It means that we should pray they repent and come to know Jesus! Only Jesus can transform the hearts of our enemies, and we should show God's love for even our enemies by sharing the gospel if we have the opportunity to and continually praying for them to be saved.**

**Have you ever been in a dangerous or scary situation where the Lord protected you from harm? Have you ever had an enemy?**

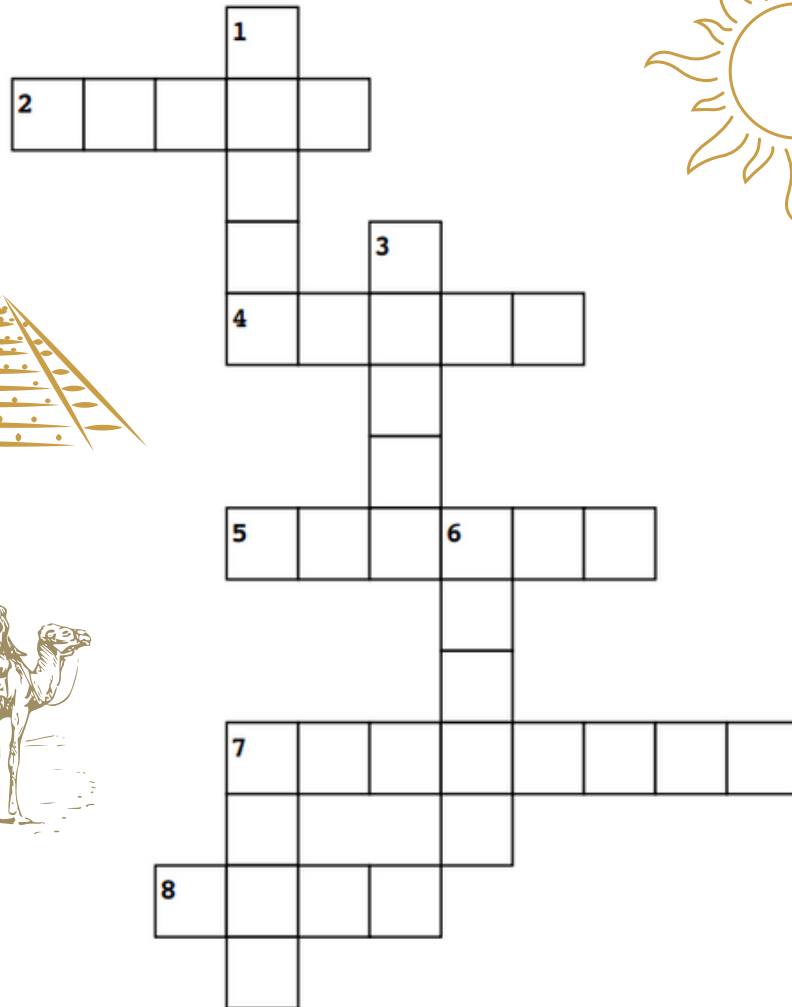
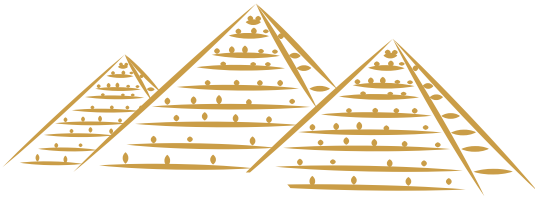
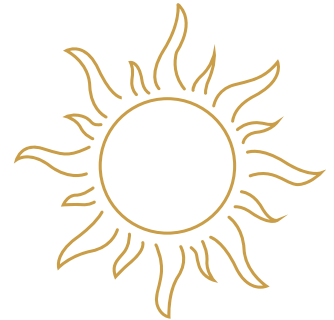
**In the space below, write down the names of some people that you might think of as an enemy. It might be someone you know personally who has been mean to you, or maybe it's someone who is the leader of a nation, an organization, or a movement that is doing harmful things to people. Let's take a moment to pray for our enemies:**

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**Father in Heaven, You are holy and worthy of all praise! We know that it is Your will that everyone would repent and be saved. Even though these enemies want to cause harm, Lord we pray that you would bless them with the conviction of Your Holy Spirit. That they would encounter Your Son Jesus, repent of their sins, and be saved. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

# Use the clues to fill in the Crossword!

PARENTS NOTE: Print one crossword for each player, but you only need one answer sheet or you can reference it on your screen.



## Across

- 2. God's Messenger
- 4. Thoughts in Slumber
- 5. Mary's Husband
- 7. Word From The Lord
- 8. Jesus' Mother

## Down

- 1. The Enemy King
- 3. God's Son
- 6. Hiding Place
- 7. Talk to God

answers:

