

## The Child Jesus

Joseph and Mary remained in Egypt for a long time. Then one night, Joseph again saw an angel in his dream. The angel said: "They who wanted to kill the Child are dead. You can now return home."

The wicked king's son was ruling in Jerusalem and the angel told Joseph to go back to a small town called Nazareth. Joseph did as the angel told him. Nazareth was the town where Jesus Christ grew up and lived for many years with His mother Mary and Joseph.

We know very little about what happened to Jesus when He was a little boy. We know that he stayed with Joseph and Mary and was obedient to them and helped them. We know that everyone loved Him. Even when He was young, Jesus showed His great wisdom.

Joseph was a carpenter. He made ladders and doors, plows for farmers, and many other things. Jesus must have spent many hours in Joseph's workshop helping him.

Like other Jewish boys, Jesus learned to read the Bible and knew many parts of it by heart. In those days the Bible was written on long strips rolled up in scrolls.