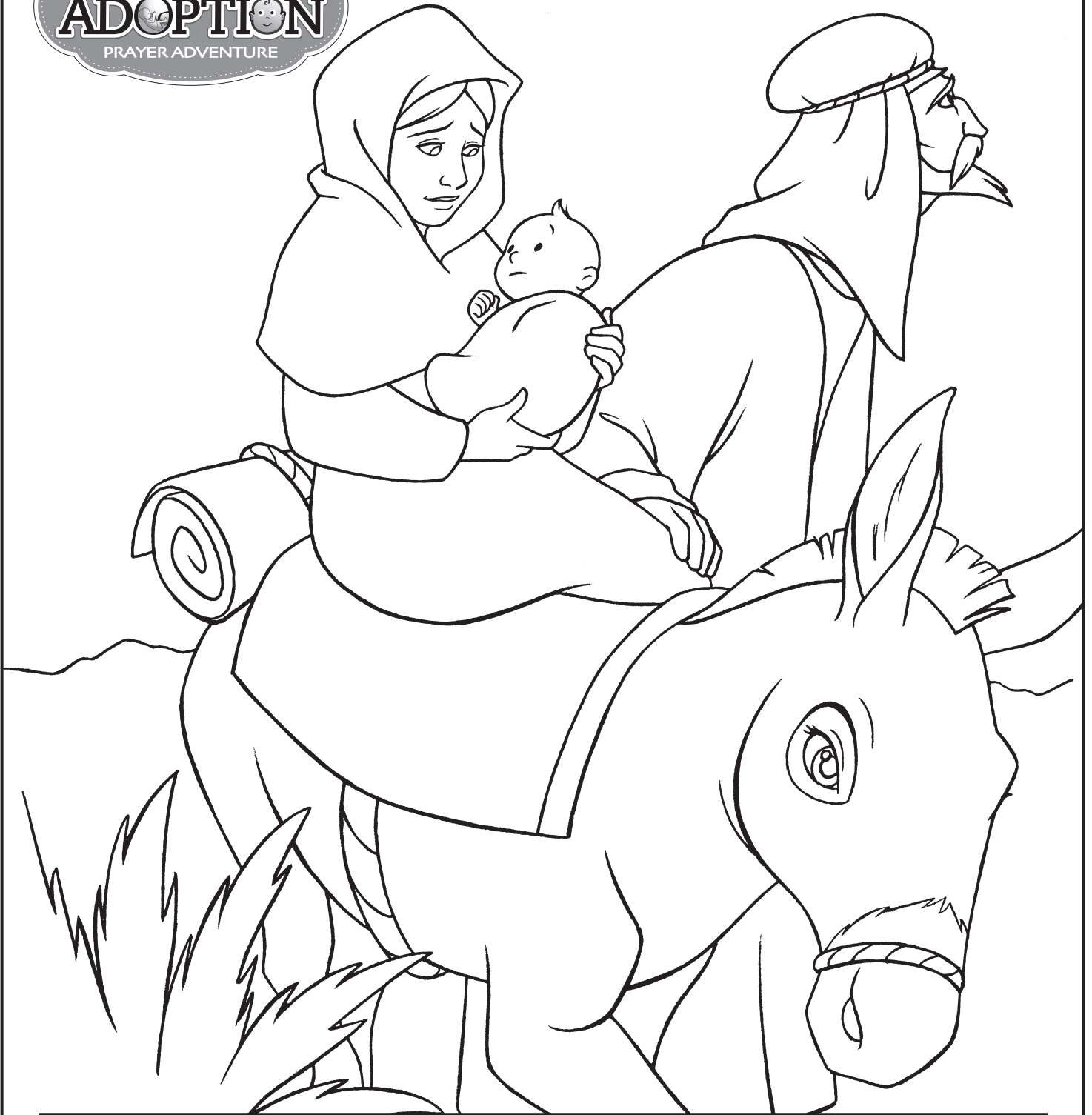




As Jesus' father on earth, Joseph would be responsible for protecting and caring for Mary and Jesus.



Not long after Jesus' birth, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel warned him, "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." Joseph obeyed immediately, awakening Jesus and Mary in the middle of the night. Mary obeyed her husband, and Jesus obeyed His mother and father —imagine what might have happened if any of them had not obeyed right away!

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Joseph taught Jesus everything a young Jewish boy should know. He read Him the Psalms, took Him to the synagogue on the Sabbath, and taught Him all the traditions of the Jewish Faith.