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T: Can I explain the different journeys in Matthews Gospel of the Christmas story?



Follow the link and read the Christmas story from Matthew's Gospel:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1%3A+18+-+Matthew+2%3A+23&version=NIV>

As you're reading the story, think about the different journey's taken.

How many journeys can you spot?

Were they all easy?

First Journey...

Magi (The three kings) came from the East to Jerusalem.

- Who did they meet when they came to Jerusalem?
- What dilemmas (problems) did they face?
- How did they solve these dilemmas?



Answer these questions in your book under the sub-heading, First Journey.

Second Journey...

Magi (three kings) travel from Jerusalem to Bethlehem

- What happens when they get to Bethlehem?
- Do they go back to King Herod?
- Why do they not go back?



Answer these questions in your book under the sub-heading, Second Journey.

Third Journey...

Joseph, Mary and Jesus escape to Egypt.

- Who told them they had to go to Egypt?
- Why did they have to go to Egypt?
- How long did they stay in Egypt?
- What was the consequence of their escape for others?



Answer these questions in your book under the sub-heading, Third Journey.

Fourth Journey...

Mary, Joseph and Jesus return to Nazareth

- Why did they leave Egypt?
- Why did they not go back to Israel?
- What prophecy did they fulfil in doing this?

Answer these questions in your book under the sub-heading, Third Journey.

Reflection - Why do you think King Herod was so against the birth of Jesus?

Why do you think he had all of the young babies killed? How do you think he was feeling to do this?