

What Jesus and His family experienced in the time after His birth is both reflective and instructive in the lives of all believers.

**By observing their lives, we can see that . . .**

**1. They were listeners.**

Matthew 2:13 (NLT) - After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 13:11-12 (NLT) - He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. <sup>12</sup>To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.

**2. They were obedient.**

Matthew 2:14 (NLT) - That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother.

**3. They lived in the favour of God.**

Luke 2:40 (NLT) - There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.