Family Page

Because of Saint Joseph's great faith, he was able to recognize God's will in the message of his dream. His unconditional love for Mary and Jesus provides a perfect example for every family. Here is a prayer for your family to learn and say this week.
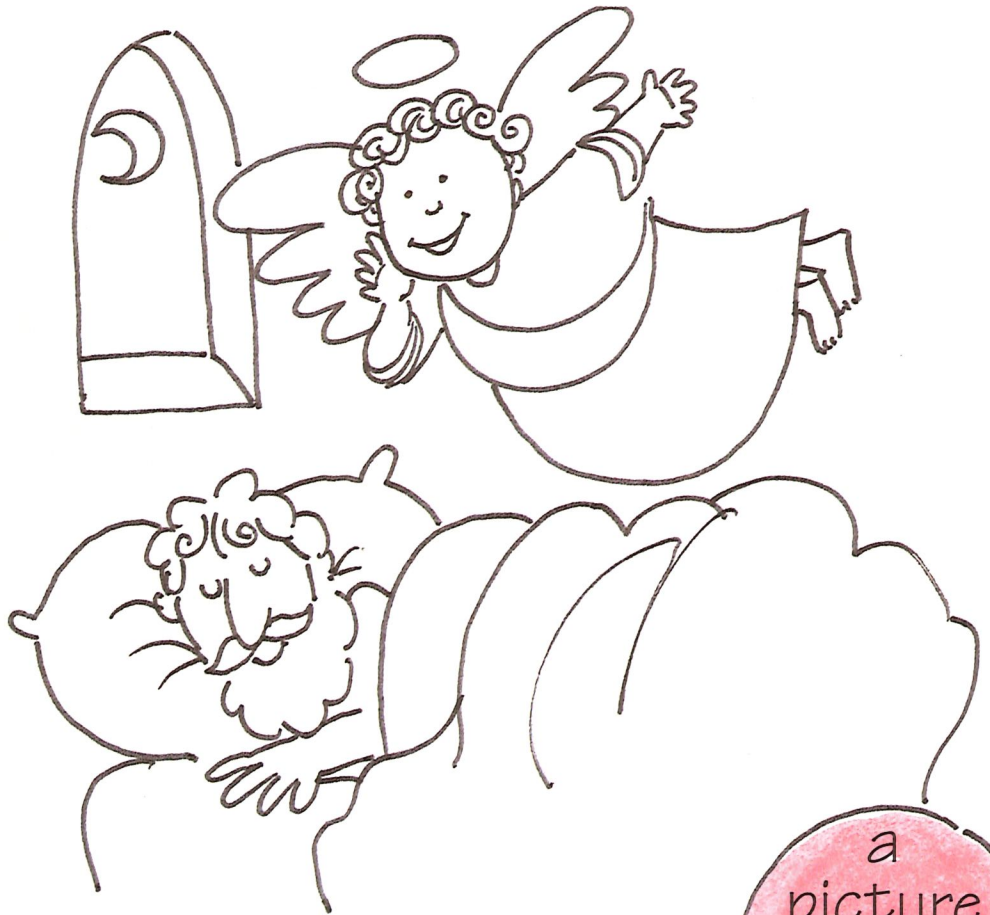
PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, your loving care of Mary and your fatherly love for Jesus make you very special to our family. We ask for your prayers for our loved ones in all our trials and worries. Please help our family to be as obedient and loving as the Holy Family. We also ask your prayers, Blessed Joseph, for our special needs *(include specific needs here)*. Keep us under your special protection so that we may lead holy lives on earth and know the everlasting happiness of heaven one day. Amen

Answer to "The Angel's Secret": HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE

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An Angel Visits Joseph

JOSEPH'S DREAM

Mary and Joseph had wonderful plans. They were going to get married. Mary loved Joseph very much. Joseph loved Mary too.

Then one dark and starless night, Joseph had a dream. In his dream, he saw a shining angel of the Lord. "Don't be afraid," the angel said. Then the angel told Joseph the news. Mary would have a baby, a very special child. Her baby would be God's own beloved Son. The angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus and to raise the child as his very own.

Then Joseph awoke from his dream, he felt happier, so much happier than he had ever felt before. He and Mary were going to have a son! What a great time they would have. Joseph would teach Jesus to whittle and carve and make beautiful gifts for Mary. He would take the boy fishing in the lake and walking in the cool, green woods.

What a super surprise that angel brought! God had chosen Mary to be the mother of Jesus, and God had also chosen Joseph to be his father on earth.

THE ANGEL'S SECRET

The angel told Joseph something about Jesus that no one else would know. If you read every other letter around the magic dream-ring, you will know the secret that the angel told to Joseph.

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