

Joseph Worried About Jesus



When Jesus was twelve years old, he stayed in Jerusalem while his parents and other family members and friends left to return home to Nazareth. When Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not traveling with their group, they began to search for Jesus. After three days, they found him with the teachers in the Temple. Jesus was listening and asking questions. His parents were amazed. His mother said, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:46, 48).



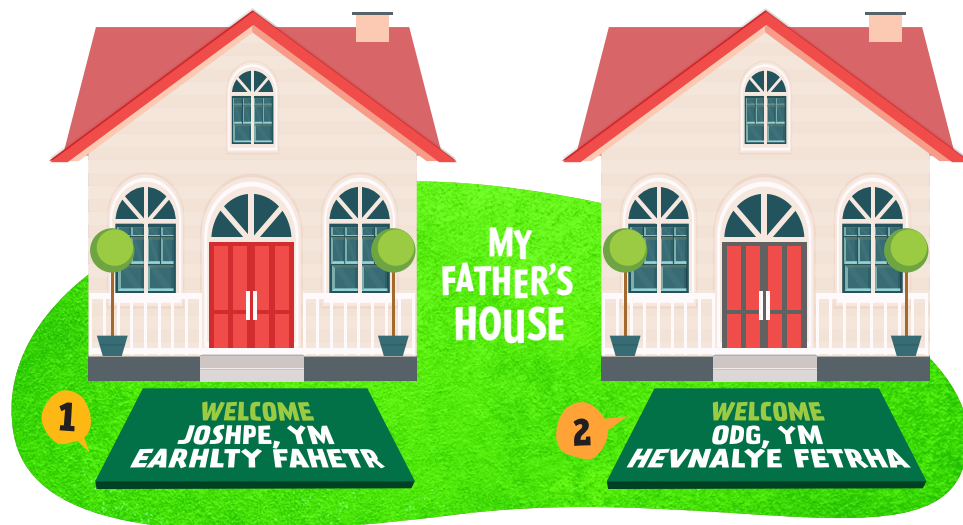
Saint Joseph protected and loved Jesus as any good father loves his son. So, of course, Joseph was just as worried about Jesus being lost as Mary was. When they finally found Jesus, Mary and Joseph were both relieved and happy, but Jesus' explanation confused them. Jesus said, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

His father's house?

Did Joseph have two houses?

Unscramble the words inside these welcome mats to see whose house Jesus meant.

Check the box next to the correct answer.



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