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12. Joseph is warned in a dream to go to Egypt by an angel of the Lord (Matthew 2:13-15). The gifts from the wise men would help make this journey possible. He was “*there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Out of Egypt I called my Son.’*”
13. Herod massacres all the male children from two years old and under in Bethlehem “according to the time which he had determined from the wise men” (Luke 2:16-18).
14. Following the death of Herod, Joseph takes Mary and Jesus to Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39-40).
15. At the age of twelve, Jesus goes with Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover and amazes the scholars with his knowledge. Joseph and Mary find Him three days later (Luke 2:41-50).
16. “Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:51-52).
17. Jesus had four brothers born of Joseph and Mary (James, Joses, Judas and Simon) and at least two sisters (Mark 6:3)
18. Jesus begins His ministry at the age of thirty (Luke 3:23).

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