

## LIFE SUNDAY GATECHESIS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Theme: St. Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family.  
Expected Time: 30-40 Minutes

Begin with a Prayer: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father

St. Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family, pray for us!



**Bible Verse:** “When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.’ Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’” (Matthew 2: 13-15)

### Pre-video Questions:

1. Who is St. Joseph? How has he protected the Holy Family? Can you provide an example?
2. What miracles did St. Joseph performed in history?
3. Do you pray to St. Joseph often? If so, what do you pray to him about?

**Video & Discussion:** King Herod loathed the idea that a Messiah was born and wanted to kill all baby boys from the ages two and under. We are now going to watch a video about St. Joseph’s escape to Egypt with Mother Mary and Baby Jesus. After the video, we will discuss answers to a series of questions about the Holy Family’s flight from Herod.

**Video - Escape to Egypt:** [https://youtu.be/ISmDaZgC\\_mk](https://youtu.be/ISmDaZgC_mk)

### Discussion Questions:

1. What did you think of the video?
2. Isn’t St. Joseph an inspiration to the Roman Catholic Church? How do you think you can be like St. Joseph in your day-to-day lives?
3. Would you be able to muster up the courage to escape from King Herod and protect the Holy Family? What makes doing this so difficult?
4. Do you think St. Joseph was afraid to escape to Egypt? Explain.
5. How does St. Joseph’s protection of the Baby Jesus relate to Life Sunday and the idea of Pro-Life? (Teachers can help students to understand the importance of protecting human life)

**Closing Prayer:**

Dear Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to learn more about St. Joseph and what he had done to protect the Holy Family. Please help each and everyone of us to imitate St. Joseph in our day-to-day lives and live as inspirations for the Holy Catholic Church. We pray that we may protect life just as St. Joseph protected the lives of our Mother Mary and Baby Jesus when escaping to Egypt. O Lord, bless all the unborn babies within their mother's womb, and protect them throughout their lives. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Joseph.**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you, God entrusted his only Son;  
In you, Mary placed her trust;  
With you, Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us, too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St. Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family – Pray  
for us!

