Joseph The Carpenter
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When Jesus was a boy
his family lived in the town of Nazareth.
Joseph worked as a carpenter.
He made things from wood, to sell.
People knew that Joseph did a good job and was honest. He could make a table, a wheel or fix a handle for a hoe.
Jesus helped Joseph carry wood to the workshop. It was hard work for a boy, but he never complained.
Jesus knew where every tree had grown. He had seen it from a tiny seed and he knew every bird that sat in its branches. Joseph was surprised at the things Jesus knew.
Jesus held the wood for Joseph to cut.
He listened and obeyed.
He liked to help Joseph
and it was fun being with his father.
Sometimes Jesus would sweep up the wood shavings, or tidy up the workshop for Joseph. There was always work to do.
Joseph made a little stool for Jesus.
“You are a good son and I love you,” he said.
“I remember when God sent you to us.”
Joseph the carpenter was a good dad.