

# Analyzing Matthew's Prologue

Read the prologue to Matthew's Gospel, Matthew 1:18—2:23, and the sidebar "Jesus' Family Tree," Mt 1:1—17, in *The Catholic Youth Bible*®. Then carry out the following activities.

## Part 1

Detect where Matthew foreshadows the themes of his Gospel in these first two chapters. Write your findings after each theme here:

- Jesus is the Messiah.
- The Church will be open to Gentiles.
- Jesus will suffer and die.

## Part 2

Notice that in Matthew's prologue the stories of Jesus' birth are told from Joseph's point of view instead of Mary's, as it was in Luke's Gospel. List three characteristics of Joseph, and explain your answers based on the prologue.

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How many times does the Lord speak to Joseph in a dream? \_\_\_\_\_

What other Joseph, who appeared in the Old Testament, had dreams and the gift of interpreting dreams?

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