

**“When Jesus Went to Egypt”**

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Tune: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

When Jesus went to Egypt, safe on his mother’s arm  
His parents stayed beside him to keep him safe from har.  
And when they crossed the border, they were allowed to be  
together—

Seeking refuge—a Holy Family.

O God, we pray for children and families coming here.  
Now facing separation and filled with grief and fear.  
For children, loved and treasured, are ripped from loving kin.  
This deed, by any measure, is torture. It’s a sin!

O God, you’re like a mother who won’t forsake her own.  
You’re like a loving father who welcome his son home.  
Now give us, by your Spirit, the strength to challenge wrong,  
To seek the best for children, and keep all families strong.