

Parents

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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"I have a serious question for you Haman," said Polly. "Every time I try to sneak a Christmas cookie out of the jar, mommy says 'I can SEE you!' How does she do that?"

"Don't you know?!" said Haman. "Mommies and daddies have eyes in the back of their head!"

That is one of the gifts that God gives to parents; eyes in the back of their head! This is particularly true for potatoes. There are all sorts of gifts that grownups have been given to care for their children.

"Did you fasten your seat belt?"

"Remember to wear your bike helmet."

"Here is your lunch for school. I put some extra carrots in there for your eyes."

"Watch out! A car is coming!"

Saying these things is part of the job of being parents. It's in the manual!

Now that Mary and Joseph had a baby in their family, they also watched out for their little baby Jesus.

Parents can even do their job with their eyes closed. One time, while Joseph was sleeping (with his eyes closed of course), his dreams even protected their baby. You see, an angel came into Joseph's dream and warned him that there was an evil jealous man named King Herod who wanted to be rid of baby Jesus. Joseph and Mary packed up the little they had and, in the dark of night, they left for Egypt with their baby. They stayed there for some time until the angel came back into Joseph's dream and told him it was safe to move back to Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head are excellent parents. And so were Mary and Joseph.

The "Best Parent Award" goes to God! He is our Father in heaven. He has surrounded us with angels to watch over us. And God sent his only son, Jesus, to be like a big brother to show God's love to us.



So the next time your mommy or daddy asks :

"Did you wash your hands yet?" Or

"Remember to say your prayers." Or

"Help your grandmother with that heavy bag."

Just remember that all those reminders are part of the plan. Moms and dads are supposed to have eyes in the back of their heads and angels in their dreams and love in their hearts so that they can always watch out over you!

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