HEROD'S PALACE

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. It was about 10km from Jerusalem where some wise men from the east had arrived in their travels to find Jesus. They had followed a star that they believed would lead them to the 'King of the Jews' and King Herod of Judea heard about this. He was very worried that this baby would grow up to be his rival. He pretended to be interested in going to worship Jesus but really he wanted to get rid of him so he asked them to search for him and then let him know where he was.

Herod had built a fantastic fortified palace to provide protection for the Upper City. It was constructed on a platform, about 1000 feet (from north-south), and 180 feet (from east-west). The Palace consisted of 2 main buildings, each with its banquet halls, baths, and accommodation for hundreds of guests. It was surrounded with groves of trees, canals, and ponds studded with bronze fountains.

A reproduction of the palace was constructed in Jerusalem. Look at a picture of the model and recreate it using Minecraft or lego.

Question: Herod wanted to find Jesus and kill him. Joseph was told in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt where they would be safe. They stayed there until Herod died. Then they moved back to Nazareth. How do you think God made sure they had enough money during this time?