

Story 4: Moses 1

Main Bible verse
[Exodus 2:10b]

She named him Moses. She said, "I pulled him out of the water."

The Israelites had been living in Egypt for 400 years.

Egypt became filled with Israelites who had come to live there by the grace of God.

But as the number of Israelites in Egypt increased, the king of Egypt became anxious.

And so Pharaoh enslaved the Israelites by beating them and driving them with fear.

But the more the Egyptians tormented the Israelites the more the Israelites increased in number by the grace of God. Then one day, Pharaoh called for all the midwives. Midwives are people who help during childbirth.

Pharaoh ordered, "If an Israelite woman bears a daughter, let her be, but if a son is born, you are to throw the boy into the Nile so that he drowns. But the midwives who feared God saved the baby boys.

And so God blessed them.

Also, God heard the cries and the prayers of the Israelites and He decided to save His people.

One day, an Israelite woman gave birth to a son.

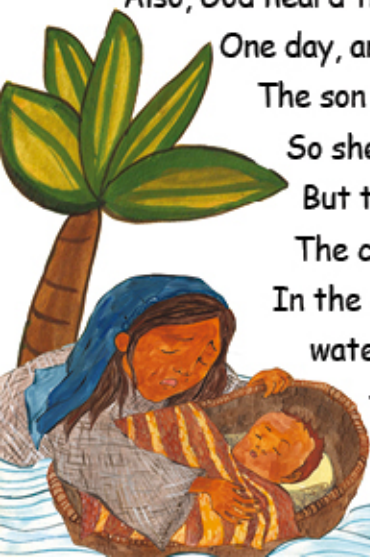
The son was so handsome and lovable that his mother simply could not throw him into the Nile.

So she hid him and nurtured him quietly for three months.

But the baby's cries grew louder and stronger so that she could not hide him any longer.

The child's mother prayed earnestly to God.

In the end she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch so that water would not leak into it. She then placed the child into the basket and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.



The child's sister Miriam stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

The basket holding the child floated down the river and reached the place where the Pharaoh's daughter was bathing.

Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket among the reeds. Then Miriam ran to Pharaoh's daughter.

Miriam asked the Pharaoh's daughter if she was looking for someone to take care of the baby.

The Pharaoh's daughter answered that yes, she was looking for someone to take care of this child.

Miriam ran back home with joy. She told her mother. The child's mother ran to where Pharaoh's daughter was.

In this way God helped the child grow up in the arms of his mother.

Pharaoh's daughter named the child "Moses" which means "I drew him out of the water."

Moses grew to be a strong and healthy child. And his mother taught Moses to serve God.

Moses lived in the palace with the other princes as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He was educated.

Many years later, God called Moses to be a great leader of the Israelites.

Just as God said, Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and brought them back to their homeland.

The Israelites were now free to worship God and to live as His people.



Activity 1.**Answer the following questions.**

a. What order did Pharaoh give to all the midwives?

b. Who did the midwives fear and what did they do with the male babies?

c. What name did Pharaoh's daughter give to the baby she found in a basket on the shore of the Nile River?

d. Read Exodus 2:7-10 and answer: Who raised Moses and what did she do after he grew up?

- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Exodus 2:10b)

She named him Moses saying, "Because I pulled him out of the water."



Activity 2.

Horizontal

3. Moses was put in a _____ when he was a baby.
6. the time when a baby comes out from the body of its mother.
8. Moses was prince in the country of _____.
9. The woman who found Moses in the Nile River.
10. Someone legally owned by another person and forced to work without pay.

Vertical

1. A person chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
2. God called Moses to be a great _____ to the Israelites.
4. One of God's chosen people.
5. Moses' older sister.
6. Help and approval from God.

