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Moses I

-14th story-

Narration 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.

Pharaoh The number of Israelites now exceeds the number of Egyptians. We may be conquered if there is a war between us.

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

Egyptian Hurry! Quickly! We need more bricks! What are you up to there! Eh!! (lash! lash!)

M a n Aaargh! Aaaaargghh!

W o m a n Lord, save us! Save us from Egypt!

Narration As slaves of Egypt, the Israelites had no time to rest. They had to work hard as the Egyptians commanded. But the more the Egyptians tormented the Israelites the more the Israelites increased in number by the grace of God.

Narration Then one day, Pharaoh called for all midwives. Midwives are people who help during childbirth.

Pharaoh 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!

Narration But the midwives who feared God saved the baby boys. And so God blessed them. Pharaoh intended to keep the Israelites as his slaves forever but God heard the cries and the prayers of the Israelites and He decided to save His people.

Narration One day, an Israelite woman bore 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 that she could not hide him any longer.

M o t h e r Lord, please keep our child safe.

Narration The child's mother prayed to God in earnest. 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.

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Narration The child's sister, called Miriam, stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. The basket holding the child travelled the river and reached the place where the Pharaoh's daughter was bathing. Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket among the reeds.

Princess Bring me that basket. Oh my! This is one of the Hebrew babies! What shall we do?

Narration Then Miriam ran to Pharaoh's daughter.

M i r i a m Princess, shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?

Princess Would you? Yes, go.

Narration Miriam ran back home with joy.

M i r i a m Mother! Pharaoh's daughter has found our baby and is looking for someone to look after the child. Mother, you should go.

M o t h e r What? Is that true? Oh Lord! Praise the Lord!

Narration The child's mother ran to where Pharaoh's daughter was. But she pretended she did not know the child.

Princess Take this baby and nurse him for me.

M o t h e r Yes princess, I will.

Narration And so in this way God helped the child grow in the arms of his mother.

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Narration 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. His mother told him the truth when he was old enough to understand.

M o t h e r You are the son of Pharaoh's daughter but you are an Israelite. Therefore, even if you live in the palace, do not forget the pain of the Israelites.



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Narration 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 and grew up to be a great young man.

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Slaves We are finally free! We are no longer slaves!

Narration The Israelites were overjoyed. They walked bravely with Moses. God saved the Israelites from their suffering in Egypt. The Israelites were now free to worship God and to live as His people.