

GOD PROTECTS BABY MOSES

Salvation comes from God in an unexpected way.



THE STORY: GENESIS 50:22-26

MONDAY

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TALK ABOUT IT:

Do you think God might allow you to suffer in your life? *(The answer to this question is that God brought both to Joseph. The important thing to remember is that God worked all the harm for good!)*

How might God call you to suffer to accomplish His plan? *(Every time we share the Gospel with others we take the chance that they will reject us and the message we share. In some countries, a person can be imprisoned for sharing the Gospel and, in many cases, Christians have been killed for their faith.)*

PRAY:

Pray God gives you the courage to follow Him at all times. Pray for people who live in land that don't allow the Gospel.





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Pharaoh feared and tried to destroy Israel – After the people of Israel had been in Egypt for more than 300 years, Egypt received a new king. The new leader did not know Joseph and the way he had served Egypt. So the Pharaoh ordered the destruction of every Israeli son because he was afraid the people of Israel might be too strong. He was trying to kill people who belonged to the Lord. In his desire to control the Israelite population, he was in direct opposition to God, who was prospering them.

Though he commanded the midwives to kill the newborn boys, the midwives feared God and did not obey his wicked command. As a result, Pharaoh commanded “all his people” to cast the Hebrew baby boys into the river, but let their girls live.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Why couldn't Pharaoh succeed in killing all of the Hebrew baby boys of Israel? *(God had a plan to prosper Israel and make them a great nation while in Egypt. No man can stand in the way of God's plan.)*

What did God do to stop Pharaoh's plans? *(God touched the lives of the midwives, giving them a fear of the Lord. They did not listen to Pharaoh.)*

Pharaoh wanted to reduce the number of Israelites, but what did God do instead? *(God multiplied Israel and they became even more numerous.)*

PRAY:

Thank God that His plan can not be stopped by the scheming sin of man.



Where is Jesus?

Moses' life foreshadows Jesus. Like Jesus, Moses grew up to be a mediator between God and his people. Like Jesus Moses' life was threatened from the very beginning. God saved Jesus by having Joseph flee to Egypt. God saved Moses from the destruction of the Pharaoh by having him live in Pharaoh's own home. Moses was no ordinary child. He would grow up to become the savior of Israel. Jesus was no ordinary child. He would grow up to become the Savior of the world.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How was Jesus' birth similar to that of Moses? *(Both Jesus and Moses were threatened by an ungodly ruler and had to flee to Egypt. Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with Jesus. Moses ended up right inside Pharaoh's household.)*

How did God show His amazing protection over Moses? *(Only God could protect a baby sent off upon the waters of a river in a basket. Pharaoh purposed to kill the baby boys of Israel, but God placed the one who would deliver His people right inside Pharaoh's own household! Only God could do that.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for guarding our salvation.



THE STORY: EXODUS 2:1-10

THURSDAY

**God brought
salvation
through a baby**

God brought salvation through a baby – In an ironic turn of events, God stopped the plan of Pharaoh, and set Israel's deliverer right under his own nose. Moses' mother placed him in a basket and set it afloat on the river near where Pharaoh's daughter bathed. Moses was spared, and his faithful mother was paid to nurse her own child! God honored this mother's faith. In this way Moses was saved by God and would one day be used by God to save his own people.

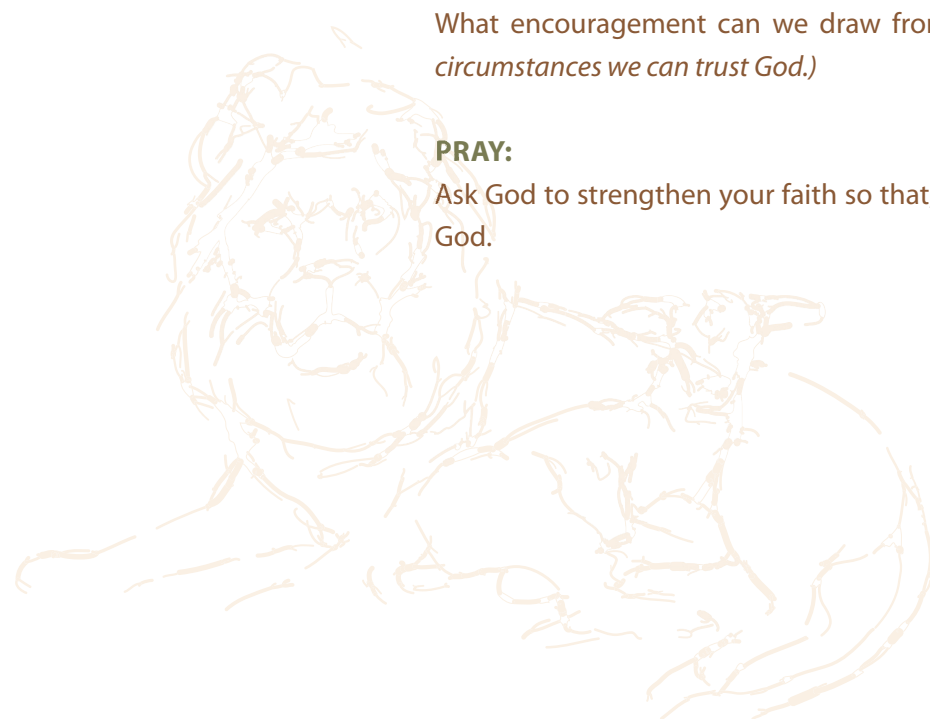
TALK ABOUT IT:

Does this passage tell us that God protected baby Moses? *(No, but we know that God is in control of all things.)*

What encouragement can we draw from this story? *(No matter how difficult our circumstances we can trust God.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to strengthen your faith so that, when difficulties come, you will still trust God.





On the road to Emmaus.

There is only one man who was born of a virgin: Jesus. Isaiah also tells us that His name would be called Immanuel, God With Us. Jesus is the only person to fit that description. (For younger children you can explain virginity discretely by saying Mary was the only woman who had a child without having a man. Younger children are often satisfied with the simplest answer.)

TALK ABOUT IT:

How is this prophecy fulfilled in the life of Jesus? *(Mary became pregnant with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit without a husband! Jesus was no ordinary man. Though he was born fully man, He was also fully God.)*

How does this prophecy show us how great God is? *(God planned our salvation through Jesus even before Jesus was born! God's ability to bring to pass what He plans demonstrates just how great He is.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for his amazing greatness and the salvation He brought through Jesus.

