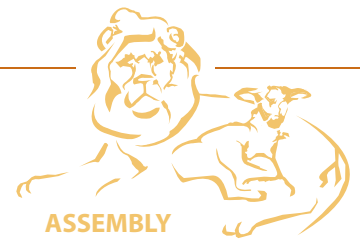


## GOD PROTECTS BABY MOSES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 1:22-2:10



*This story is fairly easy for the children to understand if read from the NIV Bible. Read the story from Exodus 2:1-10. The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### GOD GUIDED THE BASKET THROUGH THE RIVER

**Supplies:**

a large basket and a baby doll to simulate Moses in the basket

Tell the children you are going to pretend to set Moses afloat on the river. The children will act as the river. Have the children form two lines representing the banks of the river. Allow for a space in between the children wide enough for the basket to pass through. Make the river wind around the classroom. Have one of the young girls pretend to be Moses' sister and another of the girls pretend to be Moses' mother. Start the basket at the beginning of the line. Have the children push the basket gently along until the end of the line where another child can play the role of Pharaoh's daughter.

Ask the children the following questions:

- Who protected Moses while he was in the basket on the river? (God)
- How did God protect Moses? (He caused the waves to gently push Moses along and he caused Moses to land just where the Pharaoh's daughter was bathing.)
- How did you like being the water gently rolling Moses to Pharaoh's daughter?

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### PAPER FLOATS

**Supplies:**

get a pattern on how to fold a sheet of paper into a boat and bring in a large roasting pan

Show the children how to make a sheet of paper into a boat and float it in the roasting pan. Moses' basket was made out of papyrus, much like our paper today. Talk to the children about tar and pitch. Explain that Moses' mother coated the basket with tar and pitch to keep the papyrus dry and keep it floating longer.

## WHERE IS JESUS?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

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 and God saved Moses from the destruction of the Pharaoh by hiding him 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.

