

**GOD PROTECTS BABY MOSES**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 1:22-2:10

**The STORY**

Read the story of Moses' birth and journey in a basket from the NIV Bible, Exodus 1:22 – 2:10.

**Please note:** *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What is this story about? (The story is about Moses being hidden in a basket and sent down the river to save him from being killed by the Egyptians.)
- Why did the Pharaoh want to kill the Israelite boys? (The Israelites were multiplying and the Pharaoh was afraid the boys would grow up to fight against Egypt.)
- Who found Moses? (Pharaoh's daughter.)
- What did she do with Moses? (She raised him as her own son.)

**CRAFT QUESTIONS**

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: the daughter of Pharaoh finds Moses along the river. Engage the children by asking:**

- How do we know God's favor was with Moses? (God protected him on a very dangerous journey on a river riding in just a basket.)
- How does God protect us everyday?  
Help the children draw from their own lives using the example of how He protected Moses.

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why didn't Moses drown? (God protected Moses.)
- How big is a 3-month-old baby? (Not very big.)
- Does anyone have a 3-month-old baby brother or sister?
- What kind of things can a 3-month-old baby do? (Not very much.)
- Who did the Pharaoh's daughter ask to nurse Moses? (His mother. Moses' sister was watching the basket and offered to find a woman to nurse Moses so in the end, God worked it out so that Moses did not have to leave his mother until he was a toddler, a little younger than all of you!)

### 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.

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

