

Early Life of Moses

Exodus 1:1 - 2:10



The Story

Have you ever been separated from your Mother? She probably didn't leave you on purpose, but in this story, we will learn about a mother that had to leave her child. We are going to learn why she had to leave her baby and how God took care of him.

Even after Jacob and his sons had died, God continued to bless their family. They grew to be a large nation and were called the Israelites. At this time, there was a king of Egypt that did not remember the good things Joseph had done to help Egypt. He became afraid of the large nation, and decided one day that he would try to make them weak by turning them into slaves. He made them work very hard building his cities. But still, the people continued to grow larger and stronger.

Then the king thought of an evil plan. He would command that each baby Israelite boy be thrown into the river. Many Israelite babies died because of this plan. But one mother, whose baby was named Moses, decided that she could not let her baby boy die. She believed that God would help her think of a plan to save Moses. She hid

him for 3 months until he became too big to hide. Then she made a basket out of reeds and filled the cracks with tar so that it would float. She put Moses among the reeds in the river. The baby's sister, Miriam, watched him from a distance to make sure that nothing bad happened to him.

Later, God led the daughter of the evil king near the water, where she found Moses. She felt sorry for him, and took him out of the

basket.

When Miriam offered to find someone to take care of the baby until he

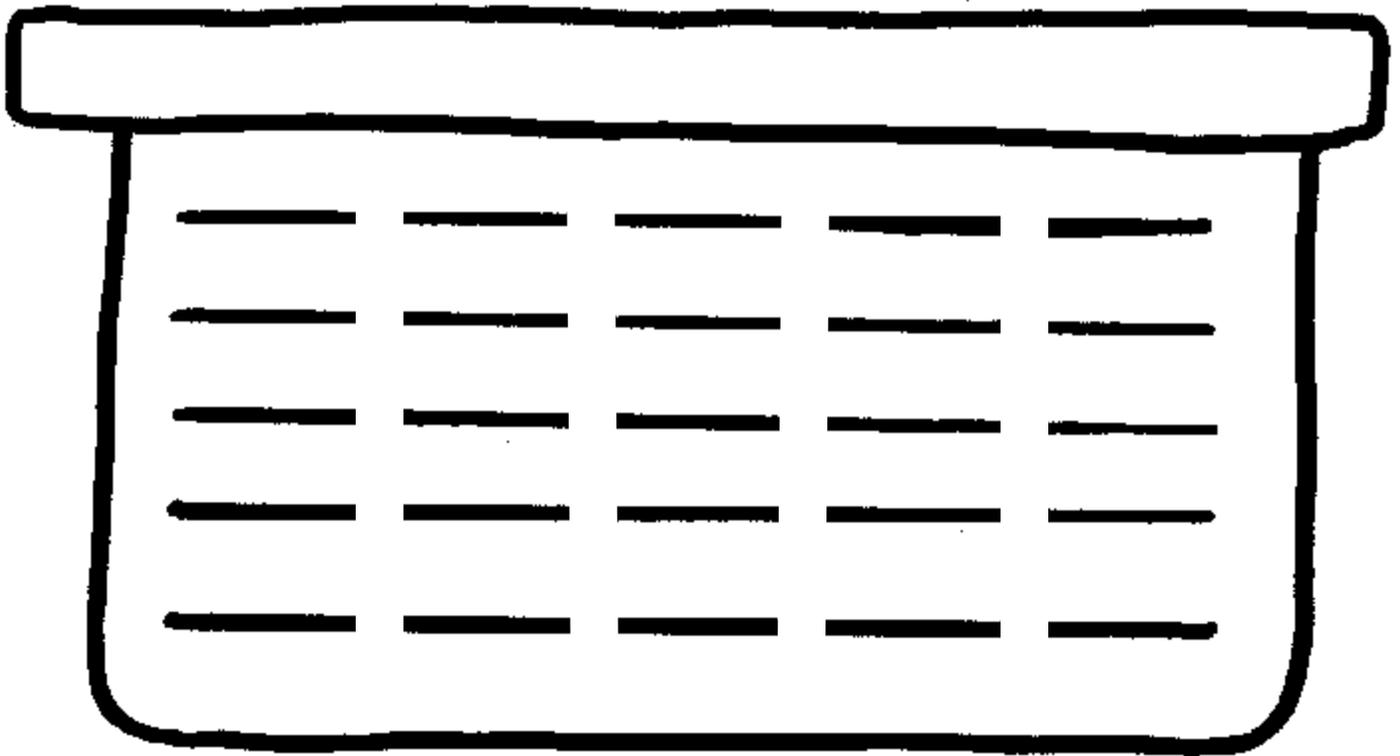
was bigger,

the king's daughter agreed. Miriam took Moses back to his own mother!



The mother was overjoyed that she could take care of her baby again! She taught him about God and how He would send His Son to die for the sins of the world. When the boy was old enough to leave his mother, he became the son of the king's daughter, but always remembered what his mother taught him about his Lord.

Activity One - Draw the baby Moses in the basket. Add the reeds and river around him. Cut along the dotted lines and weave strips of brown paper in and out of the slits.



God's people suffered under Pharaoh and the cruel taskmasters of Egypt.

God strengthens His people to do His will and wait with confidence and faith for their deliverance.

Passage

Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who can be against us?

Hymn - TLH 528 v. 1

If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my Head and Master, befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster can drive me from His love?

Prayer

Lord God, we know that You listen to the prayers of everyone who is sad or hurt. We praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that He could rescue us also from our sins, the devil, and hell. We thank You, because we know we don't deserve any of this. Please work in our hearts that we do not think badly of people because of the color of their skin, or where they are from. Instead, help us to love all people just like You love us. Guide us to show our love and thanks by the things we do any say in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.