

A Baby in a Basket

Moses

1/31/21

Scripture Reference

Exodus 1-2

The Point!

God cares for us.

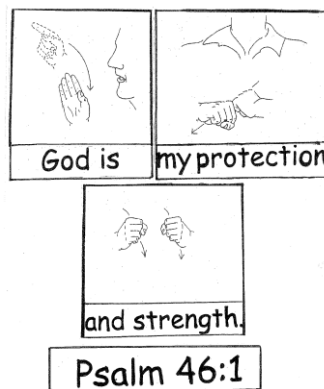
Lesson Goals

- ♥ Hear how God protected baby Moses
- ♥ Learn that God protects us
- ♥ Learn that God is always with us

Worship Time:

Memory Verse:

Use sign language to teach the children the memory verse. **They can learn it!!**



Songs:

You can sing the verse that goes with your lesson or all of the verses.

Moses

(Tune: "Frere' Jacques")

In a basket, in a basket;
(Make a basket with hands.)
Look inside, look inside
(Cups hand over eyes.)
There is baby Moses, there is baby Moses
(Pretend to cradle a baby in your arms.)
Safe inside; safe inside.
(Clap hands.)

Burning bush, burning bush.
(Point to a bush.)
Hear God's voice, hear God's voice.
(Cup hand around ear.)
God needs you. God needs you.
(Point up, then point to someone.)

Ten plagues, ten plagues,
(Hold up ten fingers)
covered Egypt, covered Egypt.
(Move hands, palms facing downward, from side to side in opposite directions.)
Let my people go, let my people go,
(Point finger at "Pharaoh" and nod head up and down)
To worship God, to worship God.
(Fold hands in praying position.)

Father Moses, Father Moses,
(Pretend to stroke beard on face.)
What to do? What to do?
(Shrug shoulders)
God will part the waters, God will part the waters
(Put palms of hands together then part them.)
Safe and free, safe and free.
(Hug yourself.)

Trust in God, Trust in God.
(Point finger upward.)
to provide, to provide.
Manna, quail and water, manna, quail and water.
(Pretend to eat and drink.)
For us to eat. For us to eat.
(Rub tummy.)

10 commandments, 10 commandments;
(Hold up 10 fingers.)
From the Lord, from the Lord.
(Point finger upward.)
Rules for us to live by, rules for us to live by;
(Pretend to hold book.)
To obey, to obey.
(Nod head yes)

12 spies, 12 spies
take a look, take a look
(Cup hand over eyes & look back & forth.)

The land is full of giants, the land is full of giants.
(Hold arms up as high as you can)
Scared to fight, scared to fight.
(Show a frightened look on face)

Lesson Introduction Activity:

Baby in a Basket

Material: basket, baby, blanket, leaves

Activity:

Place basket in front of children. Lay the baby in the basket and cover with leaves.

Ask children if this is usually what babies lie in. Tell them we are going to hear a story of a baby whose bed was a basket!

Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for all the good things You give us.
Thank you for our snack!
Help us to be good listeners.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Story: Read the story from The Read With Me Bible.

Slaves for Pharaoh/Moses is Born

The Read With Me Bible

Pages 93-100

Joseph and all of his brothers died. But the people of Israel had many children. A new king came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people. "The Israelites are far too many for us. If war breaks out, they'll join our enemies. They'll fight against us." So the Egyptians put slave drivers over the people of Israel. They made them work hard. Then Pharaoh gave an order. He said, "Throw every baby boy into the Nile River. But let every baby girl live."

A woman from the tribe of Levi had a son. She saw that her baby was a fine child. So she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she got a basket. Then she placed the child in it. She put the basket in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River. Miriam, the child's sister, wanted to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile River to take a bath. She saw the basket in the tall grass. She sent her slave to get it. When she opened it, she saw the baby. He was crying. She felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Miriam asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women? She could nurse the baby for you." "Yes. Go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter. He became her son. She named him Moses.

Questions

- Who hid Moses from Pharaoh?
- Why did she hide him?
- Who took care of baby Moses?
- How did God protect baby Moses?
- Who took care of you when you were a baby?
- Who takes care of you now?
- How does God take care of you?
- How does God keep us safe?

Application:

- Moses' mother hid him so he would be safe from Pharaoh.
- God had a special plan for Moses so God protected him.
- The Princess found Moses in a basket in the river.
- She let Moses' mother take care of him until he grew older.
- The princess gave Moses his name.
- God takes care of us.
- He gave us parents to love us.
- He gave us food to eat.
- God helps us when we are afraid.
- God keeps us safe.

Closing Prayer/Echo Prayer: Instruct the children to repeat the words after you.

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for taking care of us.
Thank You for being with us so we don't have to be afraid.
Thank You for loving us.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Craft Activity

Baby Moses in a Basket

Instruct the children to color baby Moses. When they have finished coloring the baby, show them how to fold their basket so that baby Moses fits inside. Show the children how to glue the baby into the basket.

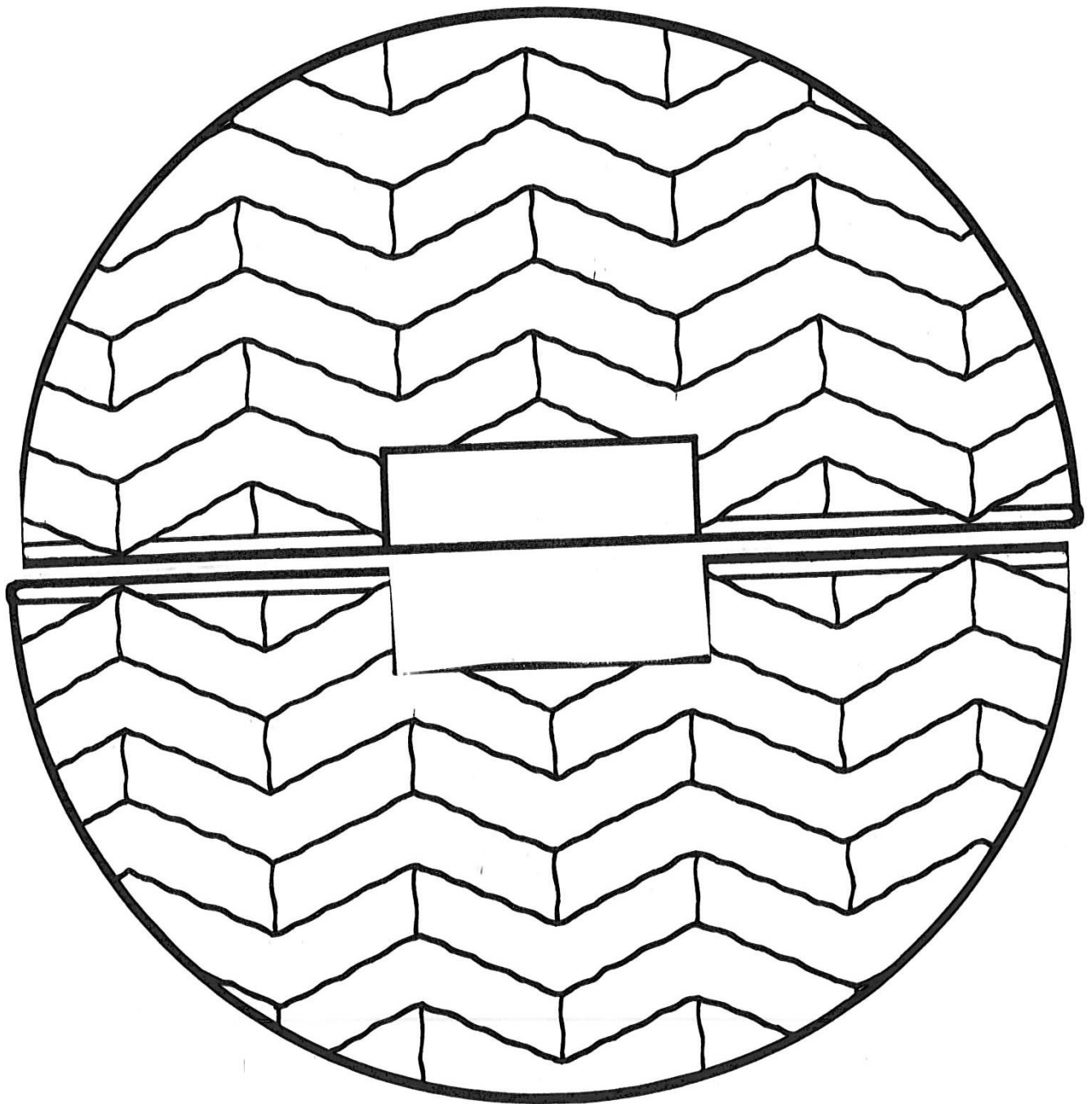
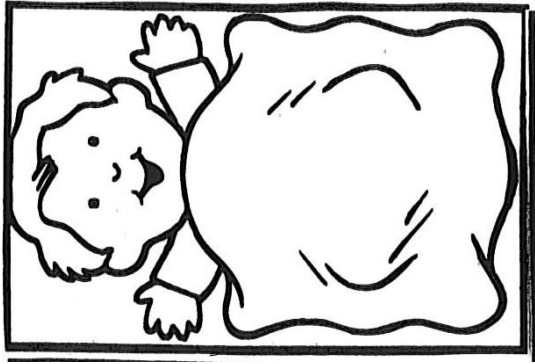


Bible Activity:

Help the children discover what will float and what will sink.

Sink or Float

Fill the small tub with water. Gather several objects that “sink” or “float”. Instruct family members to take turns trying the different objects to see if they “sink or float”.





Moses Is Born

God protects baby Moses.

Exodus 2:1-10

Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites. There were many Israelites in Egypt. Pharaoh thought there were too many Israelites. Pharaoh planned to stop them by hurting all the Israelite baby boys.

But one mother hid her baby boy from the Egyptian soldiers. When she couldn't hide him anymore, she made a basket that would float. She put the baby in the basket and carefully put it on the river. The baby's big sister, Miriam, hid nearby to watch what would happen.

Pharaoh's daughter came to the river with her servants to take a bath. The princess saw the basket and sent one of her servants to get it. When she opened the basket, the baby was crying. The Princess felt sorry for him.

Miriam ran up to the princess and said, "Shall I go and get someone to take care of this baby for you?" The princess said yes. So Miriam brought her mother to the princess. The princess told the mother to take care of the baby. Later the princess named the baby Moses. When Moses grew up, he lived with the princess, right in the Pharaoh's palace!

Faith @ Home

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Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- What things are you afraid of?
- When might it be hard to not be afraid?

Prayer with your child

Dear God,

Thank You for protecting us.
Help us to not be afraid when
(repeat times your child
mentioned.) We are glad You are
with us.

Jesus' name, amen.

PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILD

Father,
we pray for (child's name) to call
upon your name in times of
trouble and he/she will not be
afraid.
(Psalm 118:5)

Family Fun

Taking a Boat Ride

Push your child/children in a laundry basket boat down an imaginary river. Be sure to steer clear of rocks, sticks, and other river hazards. Older children can hop like frogs along the "shore". Point out that God took care of baby Moses as he floated down the river, and he saved him from Pharaoh. Remind everyone that God takes care of us too.

Family Devotion

Let's Pray!

(Adapted from; Faith Begins @ Home Prayer & God Prints Family funstuff)

Your family prayer time is a perfect opportunity to nurture the spiritual development of your children. As you model prayer, you are growing as a believer. Your children are learning about having conversation with God & shaping their understanding about God & prayer. You are making disciples in your own home. The main thing is to be sensitive to the personality differences in family members & their preferences, & don't let those differences keep you from praying together.

Some in your family may never have prayed aloud. Don't put pressure on them to pray in a certain way.

Avoid judging those with more or less experience in the way they pray out loud. It is important to give permission for people to pray in their own way. Give each other room to pray in the manner that best suits them. Having said that, when you pray out loud often with your young children, you give them a model to replicate. Don't be surprised if you hear them pray the exact phrases or prayers they have heard you pray, or if their prayers are always the same every time. As they grow & develop, their vocabulary & expressions of prayer will expand as well. Praying with & in front of family members lets them know you care deeply for them & enhances the quality of their spiritual lives.

Your child's personality will come out through prayer styles. If your child is very verbal, talking all the time, his/her prayers will reflect that same talkative nature. Some children are more reserved & you feel as if you have to pump them for information every time you want them to talk. They may be quieter as they pray until they become comfortable & feel safe praying with the family.

Collect baby pictures of each family member. Have family members form a circle. Let each person take a turn standing in the center with his/her baby picture. Pray for each person.

Dear God, thank you for our precious (name of family member). We trust you to take care of (name) today and always.

In Jesus' name, amen.