

## Baby Moses

### CONCEPT

God takes care of His children.

### GOAL

Children will learn that God is stronger than anyone or anything. He can protect His children.

### PASSAGE: EXODUS 2:1-10

### PLANNING AHEAD

#### Lesson Supplies

#### Lesson:

- *The Beginner's Bible for Toddlers*, Karyn Henley, pp. 38-43
- *The Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers*, Sattgast, pp. 50-59
- *Read~Aloud Bible Stories*, Vol. 4, Ella Lindvall, pp. 35-65
- Laminated, magnet-backed figures of: baby in basket, mommy, daddy, princess, king

## Background Information / Teacher Helps

After Joseph rose to a position of power in Pharaoh's palace, he was able to bring his entire family (seventy people) into the land of Egypt. The original seventy prospered and multiplied. In fact, their numbers grew so much that the Egyptian government began to fear them. To put a stop to their growth, Pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews and commanded that all Hebrew baby boys be killed.

At this point in history Moses was born. His mother attempted to conceal him. But when she could no longer hide him, she wove a basket and set him afloat in the river, where Pharaoh's daughter found him. Pharaoh's daughter adopted the child and raised him as royalty. And thus began God's plan of rescue and relocation for the Hebrew nation.

### "ISRAEL AND PHARAOH

In chapter 1 [Exodus], history is greatly compressed. In a score of verses we are told of the *national expansion* (vs. 1-7), the *cruel exaction* (vs. 8-14), and the *purposed extinction* of Israel (vs. 15-22).

Divine providence and human perverseness are in conflict: God multiplying the Israelites, and Pharaoh trying to exterminate them; just as in our time the Divine and the diabolical are bidding for the souls of men; but these powers are not commensurate, as the issue shows.

### MOSES AND GOD

In chapters 2:1 - 4:28 is put on record two-thirds of the life of one of the greatest men of all time, MOSES, the Prince, the Shepherd, and the Deliverer.

Forty years in Egypt and forty years in Midian prepared him for forty years in the Wilderness. In the first period he saw his importance; in the second, he discovered his impotence; and in the third he witnessed God's omnipotence.

With the coming, preparation, discipline, and ministry of Moses the redemptive purpose was greatly advanced.

His call was as definite as Abraham's, 430 years before, but it was to a very different task. Abraham's *faith in God* distinguished him, but Moses's *distrust of himself* is outstanding. When God called him, he offered five excuses in an attempt to evade the task....

But God met him at every point, promising His *presence* (3:12), His *Name and covenant* (3:14-22), His *power* (4:2-9), His *enabling* (4:11, 12), and His *instruction* (4:14-16).

"... 'EHYEH 'ASHER 'EHYEH is the self-existent, unconditioned, eternal, changeless God; the *I Am Because I Am*, the *I Am Who Am*, and the *I Will Be That I Will Be*."<sup>1</sup>

As you prepare this lesson, consider God's unconditional, eternal changeless call. As He calls you, are you self- or God-focused? As you can see, in Moses' life, he was both. "Moses' objections to serving the Lord are all ultimately questions about God: (1) Will He be with me? (3:11,12); (2) What is He like? (3:13-25); (3) Is His power enough? (4:1-9); (4) Can He accommodate Himself to me? (4:10-17). God answers these underlying questions."<sup>2</sup> Do you offer God excuses for why you can't do what He is calling you to do? Or do you say yes to God, with faith in Him to accomplish what He has called you to do? Your effectiveness in ministry will reflect your focus.

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<sup>1</sup> W. Graham Scroggie, *The Unfolding Drama of Redemption*, 1994, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan, pp. 152, 153.

<sup>2</sup> *Children's Ministry Resource Bible*, 1993, by Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc., Nelson Publishers, note to 3:11-4:17, p. 73.

## LESSON PLAN

### PRAYER

Pray for the children

- w/your team before class
- during the week

Pray simple short prayers with the children

### LESSON – “BABY MOSES”

#### Main Points/Story line:

- God is bigger and more powerful than the strongest person
- God loves us more than anyone else – even our mommies and daddies – can you imagine that?!
  - The King said that all baby boys had to die
  - Moses’ mommy and daddy hid him in a basket. They knew God would take care of him.
  - AMAZING - the King’s daughter found Moses and took care of him. Who do you think helped the King’s daughter to find him and then to want to take care of him? Yes, GOD!
- **God takes care of His children**

#### ACTIVITIES:

##### Song

Itty Bitty Moses<sup>1</sup>  
by Len

(Sung to the tune of Itsy Bitsy Spider)

Itty bitty Moses was crying in his room,  
Then came his mommy and sang a little tune.

"Hush little baby, the Lord will be your guide,  
And no one will ever harm you,  
for God is by your side."

Into a tiny basket, the baby Moses went,  
Placed into the Nile, and to the palace sent.  
"Hush little baby, the Lord will be your guide,  
And no one will ever harm you,  
for God is by your side."

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Preschool/Songs/1song05.php>

Lovely Pharaoh's daughter saw Moses in the Nile,  
Picked him up and loved him, raised him as her child.

"Hush little baby, the Lord will be your guide,  
And no one will ever harm you,  
for God is by your side."

**Baby Moses Rhyme<sup>2</sup>**

Look up and down the river  
*(Hand to brow; looking)*  
Look up and down the river  
Look up and down the river  
To see what you can see

He's floating in a basket  
*(Cup your hands to make a basket)*  
He's floating in a basket  
A baby in a basket  
Is all that we can see

A little tiny baby  
*(Pretend to rock a baby)*  
A little tiny baby  
A little tiny baby  
Is all that we can see

God cared for baby Moses  
*(Pretend to rock a baby)*  
God cared for baby Moses  
God cared for baby Moses  
And God will care for me  
*(Point to self)*

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<sup>2</sup> *Family Funstuff Bible Stories Preschool*, © 2001 by Cook Communications Ministry, p. 27



