

Toddler

November Lesson

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

Key Verse: "When Moses was born his mommy hid him from the King. She knew God would take care of Him." Hebrews 11:23 (paraphrased)

PLANNING AHEAD

Lesson Supplies

Lesson:

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

Activities:

- Playdough

Craft Supplies

Craft #1:

- Printed picture of baby Moses, 1/child
- 3" x 3" bright-colored Post-it notes, 1/child
- Crayons, markers

Craft #2:

- Printed page of Moses in the Bulrushes

Craft #3:

- Printed page of Moses floating in river

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*."¹

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."² 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.

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

² *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:

- 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:

Finger Play

Instructions: Use this finger play to get the children settled down and ready to listen.

Let your hands go clap, clap, clap; (clap hands three times)
Let your fingers snap, snap, snap: (snap fingers three times)
Let your lips go very round, (make lips round)
But do not make a sound. (put index finger to lips)
Fold your hands and close each eye; (follow action indicated)
Take a breath... and softly sigh; (follow action indicated)
Ah...

Playdough Families

Instructions: Use playdough to make babies, mommies and daddies. Talk about how much mommies and daddies love their babies. Tell the children that God loves babies even more than their mommies and daddies. God saved a baby from a bad king.

Music

Song – Itty Bitty Moses¹ by Len

Instructions: Sing the following words to the tune of The 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."

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 Rhyme²

Look up and down the river <i>(Hand to brow; looking)</i>	He's floating in a basket <i>(Cup your hands to make a basket)</i>
Look up and down the river	He's floating in a basket
Look up and down the river	A baby in a basket
To see what you can see	Is all that we can see
A little tiny baby <i>(Pretend to rock a baby)</i>	God cared for baby Moses <i>(Pretend to rock a baby)</i>
A little tiny baby	God cared for baby Moses
A little tiny baby	God cared for baby Moses
Is all that we can see	And God will care for me <i>(Point to self)</i>

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

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

CRAFT #1

Craft – Baby Moses

God has a plan for His children.



God saved Moses and used Moses in His plan. Exodus 2-4

Instructions: Give each child a printed page with baby Moses in the basket. Color the picture and put a colored Post-it on the baby for a blanket. As children work, talk with them about God's ability to take care of them. He's even bigger, stronger and more powerful than a king!

CRAFT #2

Coloring Page – Moses in the Bulrushes

CRAFT #3

Coloring Page – Moses floating in the river

