



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Miriam and
Moses

BIBLE PASSAGE

Exodus 1:8–2:10

BIBLE VERSE

God will help you.

Isaiah 41:10

Print the One
Conversation™ Place
Mat and give one to
every child (www.biblestudiesforlife.com/extra).

“Congratulations! Say hello to your new son,” the nurse said as she placed the infant into the waiting arms of his teary-eyed adoptive mother. It was love at first sight. Many adoptive parents have had the opportunity to experience the joy of holding their newborn babies. Though they did not physically birth the child, the adoptive parents’ love and gratitude equals that of birth parents. Christian adoptive parents recognize the providence of God in the adoption process, knowing this is the special child He has for them. One of the Bible’s most important men was an adopted child.

To give you a little backstory, fearful the Israelites might rebel, Egypt’s Pharaoh ordered two Hebrew midwives to kill any boys born to Hebrew mothers. Because these midwives feared God, they did not follow through.

One clever Hebrew woman named Jochebed placed her baby in a basket and placed it in the reeds by the bank of the Nile River. Pharaoh’s daughter spotted the basket and sent one of her servants to get it. When she discovered the baby inside, she felt sorry for him.

Moses’ sister, Miriam, had followed the basket and saw the rescue. She suggested that a Hebrew woman be found to nurse him. So it was the baby’s biological mother who nurtured him until he was old enough to live as the adopted son of Pharaoh’s daughter. She named him Moses.

How does the story of baby Moses demonstrate the providence of God?

In what ways does the story show that God cares for all people? _____

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

I am special.

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DATE OF USE _____

BIBLE STORY



MIRIAM AND MOSES

—Based on Exodus 1:8–2:10

BIBLE STORY FOR 1s

- A mother wanted to keep her baby boy safe.
- She made a basket for the baby. She put the basket with the baby in it in the river.
- The baby's sister, Miriam, watched the baby.
- Pharaoh's daughter came and found the baby. (Explain that a *pharaoh* is a "king.")
- She named him Moses and raised him as her son.

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BIBLE STORY FOR 2s

Pharaoh (the king) decided there were too many Hebrews. A Hebrew mother wanted to keep her baby boy safe. She took a basket and made it waterproof. She put the baby in the basket and placed the basket in the river. Miriam, the baby's sister, watched the basket.

Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby in the basket and sent a helper to get the baby. Miriam asked, "Should I bring a woman to care for the baby?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes." So Miriam went and got her mother to care for him. Later, when he was old enough, he was taken to Pharaoh's daughter. She named him Moses and raised him as her son.

GATHER TIME FOR OLDER 2s

- ▶ **Gather and sing.** Clap and sing with the 2s as you play "The Goodness of God" (track 1).
- ▶ **Tell the Bible story.** Display the Teaching Picture at the children's eye level. With your Bible open to Exodus 1, briefly tell the Bible story. Show the children the marked Bible Verse in the Bible. Say: "God will help you. Isaiah 41:10."
- ▶ **Wrap it up.** Show the "Miriam and Moses: Life Action" video. Pray, thanking God for helping us every day. Read the book *You Matter to God*.

REMINDER

- ▶ Choose a brief time for older 2s to gather together for a song or two and the Bible story.

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- ▶ Pack Items 14, 18: "Bible Verse Markers," "Book: *You Matter to God*"

- ▶ Teaching Picture 1

- ▶ CD

- ▶ DVD (optional)

- ▶ Place the Bible Verse marker in the Bible.

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BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES



▶ **Bible Focus:** God helped baby Moses.

▶ Kids Activity Page

▶ Puzzles showing people helping or caring for someone

▶ Pack Items 14, 19: "Bible Verse Markers," "Allergy Alert"

▶ Play dough

▶ Post the allergy alert.

▶ Plastic table covering, smocks, small plastic cups, plastic tub, water

▶ Doll, blanket

WORK PUZZLES

- Work puzzles that show pictures of people helping and taking care of one another. Talk about what the people are doing in each puzzle scene.
- As the children work, mention that God is with us. He helps parents care for their children.
- Help young children do the activity on the Kids Activity Page.

MAKE PLAY DOUGH BASKETS

- Demonstrate how to make a play dough basket by rolling a piece of dough into a ball and pressing your finger in the center. Help the children pinch around the sides to form the basket.
- Review the main points of the Bible story while the children work. Talk about how God protected baby Moses. Emphasize that we matter to God. He is with us, He loves us, and He protects each one of us.
- Allow the children to make other shapes with the play dough. Review the Bible Verse "God will help you. Isaiah 41:10" with the children. Ask the children to point to a friend when you say the word *you* in the Bible Verse. Repeat several times.

PRACTICE POURING WATER

- Cover a table with a plastic table covering. Fill each cup half full of water. Set an empty plastic tub next to the cups of water. Cover each child's clothes with a smock.
- Demonstrate how to pour water from the small cup into the tub. Help a child slowly pour a cup of water into the tub. Give each child a turn. Note: Children will enjoy several turns at pouring the water.
- Mention that Pharaoh's (the king's) daughter found Moses in a basket in the water. Note that God helped Pharaoh's daughter know how to keep Moses safe. God was with Moses, and God is with each of us.

PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK

- Show the children a doll. Guide them to close their eyes while you hide the doll under a blanket. Challenge them to find the doll. Help them take turns hiding it.
- After a few minutes, hold the doll and talk about the Bible story. Remark that God loved Moses and God loves each of them. God is with us and helps us.

EXPLORE A TREASURE BASKET

- Fill a basket with a variety of baby and toddler treasures, such as a ball, magazine pictures of babies, rattles, toys, bracelets. As the children pull items out of the basket, remark that God loves each child and wants to keep him safe. God is with us.
- After a few minutes, sit down next to the children and tell the Bible story. Emphasize that God loved baby Moses and helped people keep him safe. God was with baby Moses, and God is with us.



STIR AND SHARE A SNACK

- Post the allergy alert on the classroom door. Make sure each parent sees it.
- Pour white milk into a large cup. Squeeze some chocolate or strawberry syrup into the milk. Give each child a chance to stir the mixture with the spoon. Pour the beverage into small cups.
- Say a simple prayer thanking God for being with you and the children and caring for each child by providing a snack to enjoy.

BONUS ACTIVITIES *for 2s*

Play a game. Offer the “Picture Game.” Place the pictures on the floor. Help the children identify each picture. Tell them you are going to play a game. You will tell the Bible story; when you say one of the people in the pictures, the children will tap that picture. After the game, comment that God is with us when we play a game. God is always with us.

Care for baby dolls. Provide dolls and doll accessories for the children. As the children care for the dolls, briefly tell the Bible story. Emphasize that God was with baby Moses and God is with us. Say the Bible Verse: “God will help you. Isaiah 41:10.” Offer the puzzle *Miriam and Baby Moses*.

Notes

- ▶ Basket, baby and toddler trinkets, magazine pictures of babies

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- ▶ Pack Item 19: “Allergy Alert”

- ▶ White milk, syrup (chocolate or strawberry), spoon, large cup, small cups, paper towels, saltine crackers

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- ▶ Pack Items 14, 17: “Bible Verse Markers,” “Picture Game”

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- ▶ Baby dolls, doll accessories, puzzle *Miriam and Baby Moses*

BIBLE VERSE

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THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Parents, help your child understand that Moses was a valuable part of God's plan. All people matter to God. Emphasize that God helps us.

PRESCHOOL



MIRIAM AND MOSES

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

BIBLE VERSE: God will help you. *Isaiah 41:10*

LIFE POINT: God is with us.

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LIVE IT OUT: Talk with your child about times when he might feel alone and frightened. Help him thank God for parents and other family members who can help him feel better during those times. Remind him that God has promised He will always be with us.

BIBLE AND ME: Read these verses each day with your kids.

- Sunday: Exodus 20:7
- Monday: Psalm 25:5
- Tuesday: John 4:42
- Wednesday: Exodus 20:8
- Thursday: Psalm 37:31
- Friday: John 6:40
- Saturday: Exodus 20:12

TAKE IT FURTHER:
Check out the *Miriam and Moses* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

