

Miriam and MOSES

BIBLE PASSAGE

Exodus 1:8–2:10

LIFE VERSE

You are saved.
Ephesians 2:5

WEEKLY 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).

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

“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 because God made me.

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BIBLE STORY

Plan group time; then select learning centers that will work best for your preschoolers. Adapt the Bible story for 1s & 2s by telling the bold points in your own words.

CHOOSE
Your Own
SCHEDULE



MIRIAM AND MOSES

—Based on Exodus 1:8–2:10

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In a short while **Pharaoh's daughter came to the river. She saw the basket among the reeds** and sent a servant to get the basket. **When she saw the baby in the basket,** he was crying. **She felt sorry for him** and said, "This is one of the Hebrew boys."

Miriam said, "Should I go and call one of the Hebrew women to take care of the baby?"

"Go," Pharaoh's daughter said. Miriam brought her mother. **Pharaoh's daughter told Miriam's mother, "I will pay you to take care of this baby."** So the baby's mother took him home and cared for him. **When the baby was older the mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses.**

GROUP TIME

- ▶ **Move to music.** Play "I Know That God Is with Me" (song). Lead the kids to move to the music.
- ▶ **Tell the Bible story.** Ask the kids if they have ever been to a river. Tell them to listen to find out what happened at the river in the story. Open the Bible to Exodus 2. Explain that the king of Egypt was called Pharaoh. Tell the story in your own words.
- ▶ **Recall the Bible story.** Place a few prompts (basket, doll, Teaching Picture) in front of the children. Invite them to tell what comes to mind about the Bible story.
- ▶ **Review the Bible Verses.** Show children this week's Life Verse Marker. Say the verse while clapping a rhythm. Ask about how God saved Moses. Show children the Weekly Bible Verse Marker for this session. Say the verse with the children as they pretend to rock a baby. Ask how God helped Moses' mother.
- ▶ **Tell the Life Point and wrap it up.** Pray, thanking God for keeping each child safe and protected. Place a heart-shaped sticker on each child as you say the Life Point, "God is with us." **Option:** Show the "Miriam and Moses: Life Action" video.

Notes

- ▶ Pack Items 14, 38: "Life Verse Markers," "Weekly Bible Verse Markers"
- ▶ Teaching Picture 1
- ▶ Music and Print Extras
- ▶ Digital Video Bundle
- ▶ Basket, baby doll, heart stickers

LIFE POINT
God is with us.

LEARNING CENTERS

► **Bible Focus:** God kept Moses safe.

EXAMINE AND DRAW GRASS *(Nature and Science)*

- Guide the kids to complete the Kids Activity Page.
- As they work, invite the children to take turns looking at each type of grass through a magnifying glass. Younger preschoolers may touch various types of grasses. Review the Bible story as the children look at the grass. Say the Life Point.
- Provide a piece of paper for any interested kids to draw what they see. Younger preschoolers will be able to make green lines with a crayon. Invite older preschoolers to draw Moses' sister next to the grass.

CARE FOR A BABY *(Dramatic Play)*

- Guide the kids to use the materials to care for the dolls. As girls and boys rock or feed the dolls, talk about ways they are caring for the babies. Comment that Miriam and her mother cared for Moses.
- Mention that the baby was Moses, who was called by God to do important things. Point out that the baby grew and that the girls and boys are growing as God planned for them to grow.

SPELL AND SNACK *(Puzzles and Games)*

- Print an *M* on each child's paper. Mention that God helped people keep Moses safe. Review the Bible story and talk about how God helped the people in the story. Mention that God helped Moses *(by using his mother, his sister, and Pharaoh's daughter)*. Emphasize that God is with us.
- Place bowls of dry cereal on the table. Guide each child to cover the lines of the *M* with cereal pieces. Tell younger preschoolers that Moses begins with the letter *M*.
- Before the children eat their snack, pray and thank God for the ways He helps us.
- Help older preschoolers use the giant letters to spell *Help*. Review the Weekly Bible Verse, "God will help you. Isaiah 41:10."

MAKE A RIVER SCENE *(Blocks)*

- Display the Teaching Picture and talk about the Bible story. Review the Life Verse: "You are saved. Ephesians 2:5."
- Guide the kids to use blue towels or paper to create a Nile River scene. Allow kids to use the props to re-create the Teaching Picture. **Option:** Help older preschoolers cut strips of paper and tape them to blocks to line the river with grass and other plants. Ask a child to draw and cut out a basket to place among the grass.

► Kids Activity Page

► "Allergy Alert" (Music and Print Extras)

► Grass samples, crayons, markers, paper, nonbreakable magnifying glasses

► **Options:** A book about grass, pictures of different kinds of grasses, grass seeds

► Post the allergy alert.

► Bible

► Baby dolls, doll clothes, pretend baby care items, rocking chair, doll crib, blankets, rattles and other baby toys

► Pack Items 18–20: "Giant Alphabet Letters"

► "Allergy Alert" (Music and Print Extras)

► Paper, marker, bowls, cereal

► Post the allergy alert. Print a large letter *M* on a piece of paper (one per child).

► Pack Item 17: "Dramatic Play Props"

► Teaching Picture 1

► Blue towels or paper

► **Option:** green and

PAINT AND DISCOVER A PICTURE (Art)

- On white sheets of paper, use a white crayon to draw the shape of a basket. Press firmly. Give a sheet to each child.
- Guide the preschoolers to paint the paper with blue watercolors. Ask them to guess the picture that appears.
- Refer to the Teaching Picture and briefly tell the Bible story.
- **Option:** Invite preschoolers to complete the Coloring Page.

MEET TWO MISSIONARIES (Missions)

- Show the children the picture of Martha Moore and Abraham. Explain that Martha and Abraham work with students in Seville, Spain. They are missionaries. Explain that missionaries are people who teach others about Jesus and God.
- Make the connection that God is with Martha and Abraham as they share the good news of Jesus in Spain, and He is with us, too. Pray, thanking God for Martha and Abraham and their ministry in Spain.

BABIES ACTIVITIES

TOUCH WATER

Place a small amount of water in a dishpan. Lay several towels nearby with Teaching Picture 1. Stay near the water at all times. Put a towel in your lap and hold a baby so he can splash the water. Show the picture to the baby. Use the bold Bible story sentences to talk about Moses. Talk to baby: "God helped Moses and his family. God helps Ben's family. Ben is special to God."

PLAY PEEK-A-BOO

Show a baby the doll, then hide the doll under a blanket. Lead the baby to lift the blanket to reveal the doll, and say, "Peek-a-boo!" Repeat the activity a few times. As you play with the baby, use the bold Bible story sentences to talk about Moses. Talk to baby: "God helped keep baby Moses safe. God loves and helps Sophie, too."

Notes

brown paper, scissors, tape

▶ Teaching Picture 1

▶ "Miriam and Moses" Coloring Page (Music and Print Extras)

▶ White paper, white crayons, blue watercolor paint, paintbrushes, cups of water, smocks

▶ "Missionary Pictures" (Music and Print Extras)

▶ Teaching Picture 1

▶ Shallow pan, water, towels

▶ Doll, blanket

LIFE VERSE

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WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

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Isaiah 41:10

UNIT 1. SESSION 1

Room _____

Your teaching partner(s)

Thank you for serving!

WEEK OF _____

Miriam and Moses

Exodus 1:8–2:10

LIFE POINT

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BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES



ENJOY A SNACK

Include the children in the snack distribution. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the kids to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Guide preschoolers to throw away trash and clean up the snack area.

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to Exodus 1 and tell the Bible story.

- The Hebrews lived in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh

(the king of Egypt) did not like these people. He thought there were too many of them. He wanted to harm the Hebrew baby boys.

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- In a short while Pharaoh's daughter came to the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent a servant to get the basket. When she saw the baby in the basket, he was crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew boys."
- Miriam said, "Should I go and call one of the Hebrew women to take care of the baby?"
- "Go," Pharaoh's daughter said. Miriam brought her mother. Pharaoh's daughter told Miriam's mother, "I will pay you to take care of this baby."

So the baby's mother took him home and cared for him. When the baby was older the mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses.

SING TOGETHER

To the tune "Are You Sleeping?" sing:

God will help me; God will help me,
And keep me safe, And keep me safe.
God protects me; God protects me.
Yes, He does. Yes, He does.

SAY THE LIFE VERSE

Say the Life Verse: "You are saved. Ephesians 2:5."
Show the children how to find Ephesians 2:5 in the Bible. Lead them to stand and march in place as they say the verse with you.

PRAY

Pray, thanking God for loving us, being with us, and taking care of us.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Talk about the Bible story as the preschoolers work, and emphasize that people matter to God.

A. Play "Sink or Float." Provide a large shallow pan of water. Invite the children to search the room for a few items that can be placed in water. Hold up one item at a time. Ask the children to guess whether the item will stay at the top of the water or sink to the bottom. Test the item to discover if it sinks or floats. Mention that God protected Moses when he was in a basket in the water.

B. Design a baby blanket. Provide markers, crayons, and half sheets of construction paper. Invite each child to design a block for a baby blanket. Tell the Bible story as children work. Mention ways that God protected the baby and the family. Tape the completed blocks in

a patchwork design on the wall or outside the door for parents to see.

C. Pack a diaper bag. Hide baby items around the room. Invite the children to search for the items and place them in a diaper bag. Play again. Select a volunteer to hide the items while the other children close their eyes. Talk about how baby Moses mattered to God. Mention that God protected Moses and kept him safe. Note that God is with each of us.

D. Search and discover. Write each child's name on an index card. Fill a container with shredded paper, cotton balls, silk flower petals, fabric pieces, or a mixture of items found in the room. Hide the cards in the container; for younger children, hide only their name card. Guide a child to reach into the container and try to find a card. Read aloud the child's name on the card. Say: "You matter to God."

CLEAN UP

Assign a cleanup task to each child. Play music as the kids clean. Thank the children for their help.

PLAY A BALL ROLLING GAME

Invite the children to sit in a circle. Give a ball to a child. Teach the group the following rhyme: "God loves me. He keeps me safe. He helps me. My name is _____." Say the name of the child holding the ball. Then tell the child to roll the ball to another child in the circle. Say the rhyme again. Continue playing until each child has had a turn.

DISMISS

Make sure the kids have gathered all of their personal belongings, and put take-home items in children's bags. Greet each parent. Distribute the Kids Activity Page. Point out the One Conversation™ and explain its use for family Bible study this week.

Match the Baskets

LIFE VERSE

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— EPHESIANS 2:5

Moses' mother put him in a basket that she had waterproofed. Look at the baskets. Circle the baskets in each row that are the same. Put an X on the basket that does not match. Count the baskets. Print that number somewhere on the page.



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.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING:
I am special because God made me.

PRESCHOOL



MIRIAM AND MOSES

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

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

LIFE POINT: God is with us.

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

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TAKE IT FURTHER:

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

