

UNIT 1
SESSIONS 1 & 2

God Loves Me

BIBLE PASSAGE

Exodus 2:1-10

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus taught that people matter to God.

BIBLE PHRASE

God loves and helps us.

— EPHESIANS 1:3

DATE OF USE _____

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 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

God loves me.

Additional training for Bible Studies For Life Kids available at ministrygrid.com/web/biblestudiesforlife.

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Notes

BIBLE PLAY & LEARN



BIBLE STORY SENTENCES TO USE WITH BABIES

- * Mother put her baby in a basket.
- * Sister watched the baby near a river.
- * God helped keep the baby safe.

WORDS TO HEAR AND LEARN

- * baby
- * basket
- * safe

Each week offer at least 3 activities and use simple Bible conversation to help you teach babies from the Bible.

TEACHER TIP

A baby's sense of hearing is well developed before birth and is almost as developed as an adult's at birth. Everything a baby hears influences the auditory wiring of her brain. A baby prefers sound to silence and turns to the direction of a voice within hours of birth. A baby prefers hearing the sound of a human voice and music. Help develop babies' hearing by playing music and talking and singing to babies.



Select three or four activities for babies to enjoy each week. Use simple Bible conversation to help you teach babies from the Bible. This week's Christ Focus is *Jesus taught that people matter to God*. Every week talk about Jesus. Say His name often.

ACTIVITY 1

► Play with a Doll

- Lay the book *Moses* (Pack Item 15) near a basket holding a baby doll.
- As a baby plays with the doll, talk about her family. Show her the book.
- Sing the song "God Made Me Special" as she plays.
- Talk to baby: "Emma is holding the doll. Mommy holds Emma at home. You are special to Mommy. You are special to God."

ACTIVITY 2

► **Discover the Bible**

- Lay the Read to Me Bible for Kids near a rocking chair and cover it with a blanket. Lay today's Bible Phrase Marker (Pack Item 7) on top of the blanket.
- Guide a baby to lift the edge of the blanket to discover what is hidden. Comment that the Bible tells about a baby named Moses.
- Sing the song "God Cares" as you look at the Bible.
- Talk to baby: "Eric, you help your teacher discover the Bible. The Bible tells us God loves and helps us. God helped keep Moses safe."



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SONGS

Songs are recorded on Babies, 1s, & 2s Enhanced CD. See lyrics inside CD cover.

Track 2. "God Made Me Special"

Track 4. "God Cares"

ACTIVITY 3

► **Touch Water**

- Place a small amount of water in a dishpan. Lay several towels nearby with Picture Card 1: Baby Moses (Pack Item 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 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."

ACTIVITY 4

► **Look at a Mobile and Read**

- Hold a baby to see the pictures on the mobile. Tell the baby that God loves her and helps her.
- Point to each picture and name it. Connect each item to God's love for the baby.
- After a few minutes, sit down to read the book *I Am Special* (Pack Item 14) to the baby. Tell the baby that she is special to God.
- Talk to baby: "God loves Gina. God gives Gina a family. God gives Gina food to eat."

- Prepare the Mobile Pictures (Pack Item 12). Hang the mobile at a teacher's eye level. Hold a baby up to look at the pictures.

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▶ Prepare the Peek-a-Boo Board (Pack Items 10 and 11). Use the side with the family, food, and church pictures. Place the board with toys such as a shape sorter and plastic cube blocks.

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Remember ...
put this week's *Bible Play & Learn* Parent Note in every baby's diaper bag.

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ACTIVITY 5

▶ **Play "Basket" Ball**

- Give a baby a textured ball to roll or toss in a small laundry basket or shallow box. Thank God for the baby's ability to hold the ball.
- Point to the picture of baby Moses on Picture Card 1: Baby Moses (Pack Item 1) as the baby drops the ball in the basket.
- Talk to baby: "Luke sees the picture of the baby. The baby's name was Moses. Moses' mother loved him and made a special basket bed for Moses to rest in."

ACTIVITY 6

▶ **Play with Toys**

- Show a baby the Peek-a-Boo Board (Pack Item 10) and help her lift the flaps. Talk about the picture behind each flap.
- As babies play with a shape sorter or plastic cubes, sing "God Made Me Special."
- Talk to baby: "God loves Conner. God gives Conner a family to love him."

