

Lower Elementary

Baby Moses

Checklist

- ☐ blindfold
- ☐ babydoll
- ☐ blanket
- ☐ towel
- ☐ basket or toy boat
- ☐ big bucket of water
- ☐ green construction paper
- ☐ blue construction paper
- ☐ small wooden spoons or popsicle sticks
- ☐ cupcake liners

Introduction:

Have children sit in a circle with one child wearing a blindfold in the middle.

Have each child in the circle take a turn crying like baby Moses.

The blindfolded child must guess who is Moses.

If the blindfolded child guesses correctly, they change places.

Play for several rounds.

When Jacob, who was given the name Israel by God, went to Egypt to join his son Joseph, he brought along his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who were seventy people altogether! They kept growing until they were a nation within another nation-the Hebrews.

After everyone in Joseph's generation had died, a new pharaoh took the throne. He did not remember how Joseph had saved Egypt from famine. All he could see were people who were different from the Egyptians. He was afraid that there were too many of them and he did not trust them to be loyal to Egypt. So, he decided to force them to do hard work for the Egyptians with just enough food and supplies to survive.



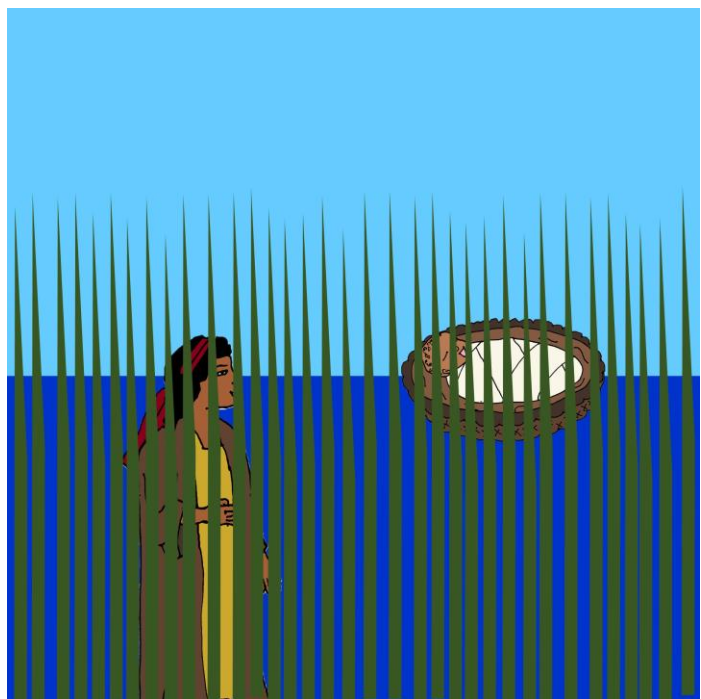
The Egyptians forced the Hebrews to work in the fields and mix straw and mud to make bricks. They built cities for the pharaoh to store his supplies. But no matter how much the Hebrews were mistreated, God blessed them, and their families grew larger, and needed even more land to live on. Pharaoh and the rest of the Egyptians looked down on them and wanted to get rid of them. When Pharaoh heard the Hebrew babies crying, he boiled with anger. He ordered Shiphrah and Puah, the two women in charge of the Hebrew babies to rid the land of their sound. But they were brave and remained faithful to God. They watched over the babies and gave them to their mothers.



But the pharaoh's anger kept growing. A woman named Jochebed heard how cruel he could be to the Hebrew children. So, when she had a son, for three months she never took him anywhere and did her best to keep him quiet. But she knew she had to find another way to keep him safe from the pharaoh.



“Hush, hush!” she told her beautiful baby boy, as she made a basket for him. Then, in the early morning when no one was looking, she walked to the river with the baby and his older sister Miriam. They waded in among the tall grass that lined the edges of the Nile. Jochebed put the basket with her son in it on the water and let it float down the river, trusting him to God’s care. Miriam continued to follow the basket, while staying hidden among the reeds.



As Miriam followed along, she heard the sounds of young women talking. It was the princess, Pharaoh's daughter, taking a bath in the Nile River. Miriam stood frozen, watching to see what would happen. When the princess saw the basket in the tall grass, she sent one of her servants to pull it out of the water. She was surprised to find a little baby crying in the basket. Knowing that he must be one of the Hebrew children, she felt sorry for him. She took him in her arms and tried to comfort him. "I will call you Moses," she told him. "Because I pulled you out of the water."



Fearlessly, Miriam came forward and addressed the princess. “Do you want me to find a Hebrew woman to take care of the baby for you?”

“Yes,” she replied, as they smiled at one another.

Miriam ran to her mother to tell her that God had provided a safe home for her brother. Jochebed got to raise her own son in the palace, while the hard-hearted Pharaoh, who tried to harm the Hebrews, paid her to take care of him. The princess adopted Moses, so that when he was older, he would become a prince of Egypt.

One day, Moses would become a great leader for God’s people. But that never would have happened if it had not been for the bravery of five heroines: Shiphrah, Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and the princess, who all did what was right, even when it was dangerous.



Closing Discussion:



Why didn't the pharaoh like the people from Joseph's family? (there were so many of them, he was afraid) Did the Israelites do anything bad to deserve being treated this way? (no)

If other people are different from us, should we be afraid of them? (no) Is it ever okay to treat other people badly? (no)

What did Moses' mother do that showed how much faith she had in God? (she put her baby in a basket to keep him safe from the pharaoh) Do you think she knew where the river would take him? Who did know exactly where he would arrive? (God)

The Egyptian princess showed kindness to Moses, even though he was a stranger and came from the family that the Egyptians didn't like. She rescued him from being treated badly. If you meet someone who needs help, what should you do? (help them) What if it is someone different from you? (still help them)

What did Moses' sister do that showed how much faith she had in God? (she spoke up to the princess) Could you imagine being a humble slave girl and speaking up to a princess? What clever idea did Miriam have? (getting her mother to take care of Moses for the princess) The Bible says we are to live by faith, not by fear. When the pharaoh decided to be mean to the Israelites, what was he doing? (living by fear) When Shiphrah, Puah, Moses' mother, the Egyptian princess and Miriam decided to protect him from the mean pharaoh, what were they doing? (living by faith) What will you choose to do?

Craft:

Ice Cream Spoon Baby Moses in Cupcake Liner Basket

Closing Activity:

In a large area, divide children into two teams and have them run relays to a small tub of water with a baby doll in it. Each team player will take the baby out of the water, dry off with a little washcloth or small towel, wrap the baby in a blanket and place the doll back in the water for the next player and run back to the team to tap the next classmate to run the same relay.

Baby Moses

Name: _____



She named him Moses because she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

~ Exodus 2:10b

- ❖ Children cut rectangle of blue construction paper and larger rectangle of green construction paper.
- ❖ Children glue blue paper onto green paper and cut slits in green paper to fold up as reeds.
- ❖ Children glue cupcake liner onto blue paper as basket.
- ❖ Children draw baby Moses on wooden ice cream spoon and glue onto cupcake liner.

