

Upper Elementary Baby Moses

All scripture quotations are taken from the World English Bible, 2020.


Checklist

- ☐ letter tiles to spell out faith & fear,
cut up ahead of time and
paperclipped together
- ☐ deck of cards
- ☐ maps

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Topic:	Baby Moses
Intro:	Give children first set of tiles and ask them to see what words they can spell with them (it, hi, fat, fit, hit, if). If they didn't come up with it already, point out that the letters can spell faith. Give children second set of tiles and ask them to see what words they can spell with them (ear, are, fare, far). If they didn't come up with it already, point out that the letters can spell fear. Now, ask them to spell the word faith with those tiles. They can't. Try to spell fear with the first set. They can't. Faith and fear are mutually exclusive (they can never go together). We will see how that works in the early life of Moses.
	Moses is one of the few people in the Bible whose life is followed from beginning to end. He is considered one of the most important people in Bible times. But he would have never grown up if it were not for the faithfulness of several brave women.
Exodus 1:1-7	Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt (every man and his household came with Jacob): Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. All the souls who came out of Jacob's body were seventy souls, and Joseph was in Egypt already. Joseph died, as did all his brothers, and all that generation. The children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.



Moses in Egypt

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map	Review where the Hebrews came from and where Goshen is in Egypt.
Exodus 1:8-10	Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who didn't know Joseph. He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come, let's deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that when any war breaks out, they also join themselves to our enemies and fight against us, and escape out of the land."
spell fear with tiles	The pharaoh worried that the Hebrews would turn against the Egyptians, instead of remembering that it was a Hebrew (Joseph) who had saved the Egyptians from starvation in the first place. Did the Pharaoh show fear or faith?



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Pharaoh acted on:
Faith Fear

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bricks

Have students build something out of toy bricks or large blocks. That was fun, but imagine doing this all day long, with heavy stones, in the hot sun, and being beaten if you don't do it fast enough. As you study history in school, you will learn that there were many times where one group of people tried to hurt another group of people, because they were afraid of them, or just didn't like them for some other reason. The way the Egyptians treated the Israelites was one of those sad times.

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spell faith
with tiles

Shiphrah and Puah disobeyed the king, even though he could have had them killed if he learned what they were doing, because they were not willing to do something they knew was wrong. They trusted that God would take care of them, and He did. Did Shiphrah and Puah show fear or faith?


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spell fear with tiles	Pharaoh could have seen that the Hebrews were strong, hearty people he should want to have around, but he was too afraid of them and chose to hurt them another way. Did Pharaoh show fear or faith?
Exodus 2:1-4	A man of the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi as his wife. The woman conceived and bore a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket for him, and coated it with tar and with pitch. She put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. His sister stood far off, to see what would be done to him.
spell faith with tiles	Moses' mother did not know what would happen to Moses, but she knew that God knows, and that He cares for every single child. Did Moses' mother show fear or faith?



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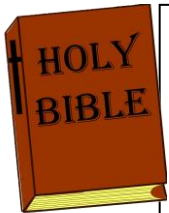
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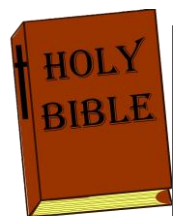
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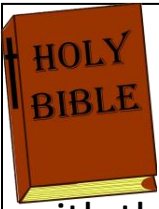
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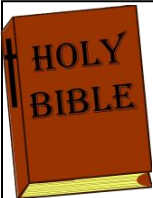
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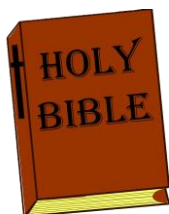
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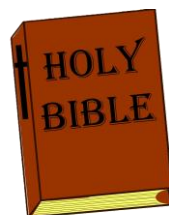
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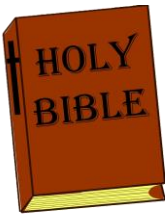
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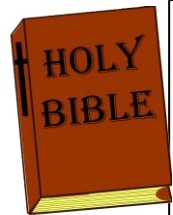
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Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river. Her maidens walked along by the riverside. She saw the basket among the reeds, and sent her servant to get it. She opened it, and saw the child, and behold, the baby cried. She had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

The king's daughter acted on:

Faith

Fear



Exodus 2:7-10

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." The young woman went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." The woman took the child, and nursed it. The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Moses' sister acted on:

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Baby Moses



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Egypt, princess, Shiphrah, Puah, Miriam, Jochebed, Moses,
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