



Old Testament Unit 6: Moses Lesson 1: God Protected Baby Moses

Hour A

God's Unfolding Story

Bible Story:
God Protected
Baby Moses
(Exodus 1, 2:1-10)

Bible Phrase: "God
has plans to care for you"
(Jeremiah 29:11).

Bible Truth: God
always has a plan
for me.

1. God created everything.
2. People disobeyed God.
3. God chose a special people.
4. God sent Jesus to help us.
5. Jesus began the Church.
6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.

Suggested Schedule:

Arrival
Centers – 25 minutes
Clean-up Time – 5 minutes
Bible Story Time – 15 minutes
Craft Time – 10 minutes
Snack Time – 10 minutes
Game Time/Dismissal



Unfolding God's Story for Teachers

The book of Exodus is one of the most important books of Hebrew history. Yet it doesn't just report history; it unveils a deeper view and understanding of God's mercy and redemption. The exodus from slavery to freedom was foundational for Israel's faith. It gave the Israelites recognition as a nation and cemented their own identity as a people having a covenant relationship with Yahweh. God

planned to use the enslavement and liberation of His people long before these events occurred (see Gen. 15:13-14). At the right moment in time and without the Israelites' awareness, a baby was born who one day would lead them to freedom.

The Hebrew people had settled in the Egyptian land of Goshen during a famine many years earlier. They were under the care and protection of Joseph, one of their own. The move was supposed to be temporary, but the people prospered and became numerous—and a perceived threat to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. This pharaoh was a new king who did not know or care who Joseph was. He enslaved the Hebrews and soon became preoccupied with keeping this vast number of laborers busy and exhausted. His fear of the Israelites' potential rather than actual threat compelled him to cruelly oppress God's people. The king assumed that his harsh treatment would result in fewer births, but he did not factor God into his equation.

Pharaoh intensified his efforts and ordered the killing of all the male babies. He ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill the infants, but they feared God more than Pharaoh. Pharaoh then directed his own soldiers to eliminate all the baby boys. It was during this horrible time God's deliverer was born. For three months the baby's parents, Amram and Jochebed, who were from the tribe of Levi, managed to hide the child, but his cries grew stronger and harder to conceal. Jochebed's desperation to save her son led her to a plan. She placed him in a basket of papyrus and set it safely among the reeds in the Nile. She also had her young

daughter, Miriam, keep watch. Did Jochebed know the habits of the princess and when she bathed in the river? Did she hope the princess herself would see the child and take pity on him? Perhaps, but it's certain she waited, prayed, and trusted God. The princess did see the basket, and when it was opened, she saw the child. Her knowledge of her father's evil edict and that this was a Hebrew baby did not matter. Her heart was touched. The divine plan unfolded. Miriam offered to get a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby, and she brought Moses' own mother. The princess very well may have known it was the baby's mother, that Jochebed was risking her own life to save her child. In God's plan, love won out. Jochebed's reward was the life of her son! This child drawn from the water was named Moses. Later, God would use him to part the waters and set his people free.

Lesson Plan

Arrival

- Greet children at eye level and express how happy you are to see them.
- Be sure each child has a name tag and the security measures of your church are followed.
- Label all coats and personal belongings. Strongly encourage children who have brought items from home, such as toys and books, to place them on a shelf while they are working with other materials. Assure children their items will be safe and they can take them home at the end of the session.
- Help each child make a choice where he or she would like to begin his or her Center Time.

Clean-up Time

Encourage

preschoolers to help at clean-up time. Assign specific tasks for preschoolers to do such as placing all the crayons in the basket, throwing away the trash, gathering all the glue sticks, etc. Guide children to the Bible Story Time area.



- Express the following in your own words.
"Today our Bible story is about how God protected a little baby boy named Moses. Listen to hear how God protected him. God takes care of us, even when we may be going through a sad or difficult time."

Bible Story Time

- Supplies:**
- Bible
 - Teaching Picture: "God Protected Baby Moses" (Reproducible)
 - God's Unfolding Story Cube (Reproducible/Cardstock)

Introduction

- Show the God's Unfolding Story Cube. Express to the boys and girls that even though we find many stories in the Bible, the Bible really tells one big story, and all the little stories are a part of the big one we can call God's Unfolding Story. Tell children that each picture represents a part of God's Unfolding Story. Turn the cube and talk about each part of the story. (Refer to page 1.) Express that every story from the Bible is from one of the main parts in God's Unfolding Story. Today's story is from the third part, God chose a special people.

Bible Story

God Protected Baby Moses

(Exodus 1, 2:1-10)

A new king had come to power in the land of Egypt where the Israelites lived. The king was not a good king. He wanted to harm the Israelite baby boys. But God was more powerful than the king.

One day a baby boy was born to a family that loved God. The mother and father were very careful to hide the baby so the king would not harm him. At first it was not so hard, but as the baby boy grew, his baby noises and cries got louder. It was hard to keep the little boy quiet!

God helped the baby's mommy to think of a plan. She took a basket and covered the outside with a special material to keep out any water. She wrapped the baby snugly in a blanket and placed him in the basket. Then she carefully placed the basket among the high grasses in the water of the Nile River.

The baby boy had an older sister named Miriam. Miriam watched the basket carefully from a distance as it sat among the grasses. The king's daughter happened to be near

the water that day, and she saw the basket. She may have even heard a cry coming from the basket. She asked her helper, "Bring me the basket." The princess opened the basket and saw the baby boy! She felt sorry for the little baby and decided she would not let the king hurt this baby. The princess named the baby Moses.

Miriam was still close by and she asked the princess, "Do you want me to find someone to help take care of the baby?"

"Yes!" said the princess. So Miriam got her own mother, who helped to care for baby Moses. Moses' family knew that their baby would be safe.

Talk Time

1. Show the teaching picture for today's Bible story and use the following riddles to review the story. (1) A baby floated on the river in one of these. What is it? (2) Someone watched the baby. Who was she? (3) She found a baby in a basket. Who was she? (3) The baby got a name. What was it?
2. Read the Bible phrase on the teaching picture. Say the phrase together: "God has plans to care for you" Jeremiah 29:11. Express to children that Moses' life was in danger, but God protected and cared for him. Explain that God protects and takes care of us in the happy times and in the sad times.
3. Close the Bible Story Time by inviting children to join you in prayer. Thank God that He has a plan for each one's life and promises to always be with each person.
4. Direct children to Craft Time.