



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 51

God Protects Moses

Exodus 2:1-22

God directed Moses' basket. Follow the path Moses took along the Nile River to Pharaoh's daughter. Be careful not to run into any Egyptian soldiers along the way!

Start



Finish

Name _____

Memory Verse

Fill in the blanks using the words below then practice saying the verse.

right

dismayed

Fear

strengthen

help

uphold

not, for I am with you; be not

_____, for I

am your God; I will

you, I will

_____ you.

I will _____

you with my righteous

_____ hand.

Isaiah 41:10

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God protected Moses at his birth so that he would escape Pharaoh's command that all Israelite baby boys be killed.
- God helped Moses escape from Egypt and find a new family in Midian.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

You might hear someone say God's Word is not true—that there is no way an Egyptian pharaoh would ever adopt a Hebrew baby into his family.

How could you answer?

God's Word does not need to be proven. It is all true. However, archaeologists and historians have discovered that the pharaoh who most likely reigned when Moses was born had no sons. This could be why Pharaoh would adopt Moses. Because he didn't have any sons of his own, his hope could have been that Moses would become pharaoh after him.

HomeWord *For Parents*

After Joseph died, the new king over Egypt was jealous of the Israelites and enslaved them. Still, the Lord blessed them, and they grew in numbers. Pharaoh became fearful that they would try to help his enemies. To decrease their numbers, he ordered that all male Hebrew babies be thrown into the Nile River.

Moses was born during this time. But God protected him while his mother hid him for three months and then placed him in a basket and laid it in the reeds along the riverbank. God arranged circumstances so that baby Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him and brought him into Pharaoh's court to live as royalty. Even when 40-year-old Moses chose to associate with his people, the Israelites, and was forced to flee after killing an Egyptian, God protected him along the way.

Some people don't believe the events in Moses' life really happened. However, new understanding about Egyptian history shows that Moses probably lived during the reign of Pharaoh Amenemhet III. This Pharaoh had no sons to inherit his throne, which could explain why he would accept Moses as his daughter's adopted son and the future heir.

We can be thankful as God allows for more historical and archaeological discoveries to be made, but we must keep in mind that our authority is the Bible. His Word is final. We do not base what we believe on what has been "proven" by men but on what has been "spoken" by God.

