

Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1-10



The story of Moses begins when he is just a baby—a baby at risk! After Pharaoh decreed that all Hebrew baby boys must be drowned, Moses' mother planned something different. She placed her baby in a papyrus basket and floated it down the river. The baby's sister, Miriam, hid in the reeds to watch as Pharaoh's daughter discovered the basket. Pharaoh's daughter decided to raise the baby—with the help of Moses's mother!

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Moses was given a traditional Egyptian name that the Bible ties to a Hebrew word relating to how he was drawn out of the water (Ex 1:10).

Miriam was Moses' clever big sister and is mentioned in five books of the Old Testament (Ex, Num., Deut., 1 Chron., Mic.) That's more than any other woman!



Moses' mother hid him for three months before leaving him in a patch of reeds in the Nile (Ex 2:2).



About the Video

Pharaoh's soldiers searched and searched for Hebrew baby boys. Moses' family could keep him quiet for only so long before they put a plan into action. These three women—his mother, his sister, and Pharaoh's daughter—saved Moses' life!

- What was it like for the Hebrew people when so many soldiers were looking for baby boys?
- What did Moses' brave sister, Miriam, do to make sure her brother stayed safe?
- Why do you think Pharaoh's daughter wanted someone else to help with raising Moses?

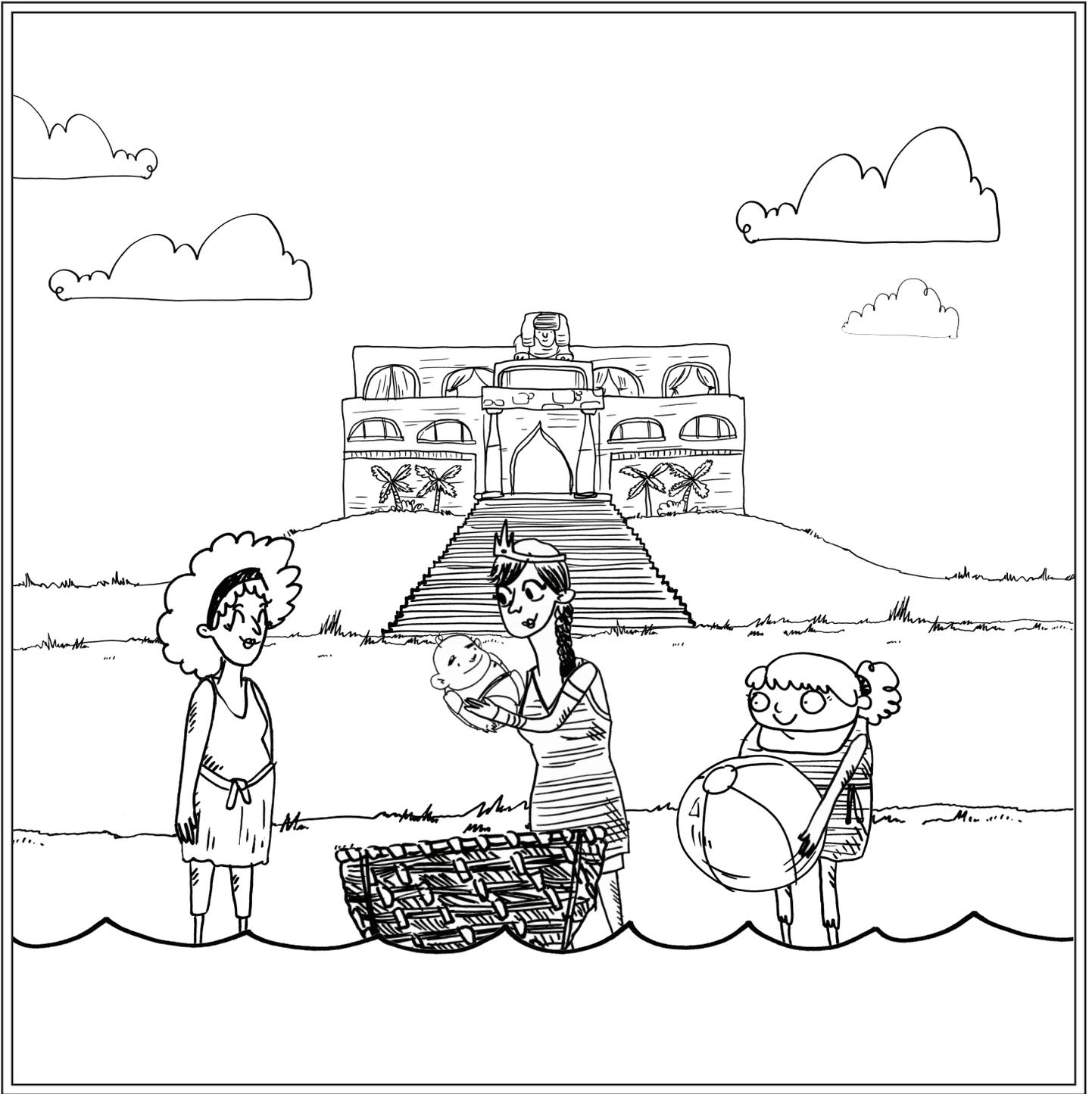
Try This!

Do a sink-or-float experiment with several materials around your home. Which things would you choose to make a floating basket?

Prayer

Dear God, we want to be safe like baby Moses. Remind us that you send people to help keep us safe—and give us courage to help keep others safe. Amen!

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Pharaoh's daughter found Baby Moses.

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Baby Moses' basket floated down the river. Draw the reeds to hide the baby Moses.