

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Moses Is Born

Exodus 1-2

Memory Verse:

At that time Moses was born.
He was not an ordinary child.
For three months he was taken
care of by his family.
(Acts 7:20 NIV)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that the Hebrew people were slaves.
2. Understand that all the Hebrew baby boys were in danger.
3. Recognize that Moses was not an ordinary child.
4. Learn that God saved Moses.

Last week we learned that Joseph ruled in Egypt next only to the Pharaoh. There was a famine in the land. Jacob sent his sons to buy food in Egypt. They did not recognize Joseph (the brother they sold to slavery in Egypt). Joseph tested his brothers. Later, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. God was with Joseph and saved him from all his troubles.

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 2:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin with Prayer

Egypt's new king was not a kind king. He looked out over his land and saw that the slave children who loved God were growing in number greater than his people, the Egyptians. He was afraid that one day the Hebrews might try to take over the kingdom. He did a horrible thing. He ordered that all Hebrew boy babies should be killed. (Exodus 1:1-16)

One Hebrew couple Amram and Jochebed (Jock-a-bed) had a baby boy. (Exodus 6:20) Jochebed hid the baby for three months. The Bible says that he was not an ordinary child. He was a most beautiful baby. (Acts 7:20 NIV, The Message) When she could no longer hide him, she made a boat basket out of woven grass. She covered the basket with tar to keep the water out. She placed the baby inside the basket. She put it in the water and had his sister watch as it floated down the river. (Exodus 2:1-4)

Before long, the king's daughter came to the river to take a bath. She saw the basket floating and sent her maid to get it. When the princess opened the basket, she saw the baby! She wanted to keep the child.

The baby's sister saw what happened. She told the princess that she would find someone to help care for the baby. She hurried home and brought the baby's mother to care for him. The king's daughter named the baby "Moses" because she got him out of the water. (Exodus 2:5-10)

In the years that followed, the Hebrews prayed to God for help. God heard and cared for them. (Exodus 2:23-25) Moses was part of that plan, but first he had to grow up!

Moses Is Born — Bible Facts

1. Moses' mother hid him for three months.
2. Moses' mother made a basket for him.
3. Pharaoh's daughter raised Moses as her own.
4. God saved Moses.

God cares for us too. (1 Peter 5:7) God has a plan for us. (Jeremiah 29:11) He has given us special things that we can do well—like draw,

God has special plans for each of you. It's up to us to listen to God and obey Him. We must do what He says. (1 John 5:3) Just like Moses, we have to learn and grow up, too. It's important to learn what God wants us to know, so that we can find out what His special plan is for us.

Review

1. **What did Moses' mother do?** (hid him for three months)
2. **What else did Moses' mother do?** ? (made a basket and put him in the river)
3. **What happened to Moses?** (Pharaoh's daughter found him and decided to raise him as her own)
4. **What did God do?** (saved Moses)

Do you know Jesus?

God also showed us how much He loved us. (John 3:16) He knew that we could never get to Heaven on our own. We could never be good enough. So, God made a way for us to come to Him. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to make a way for us. (John 14:6) Jesus died on a rough cross to pay for all the wrong things that we have done. Then, three days later, Jesus came back to life! Because Jesus came back to life, we can go to Heaven one day if we believe in Him and trust Him with all our heart. (Romans 10:9-10) If you would like to know more about how you can live with God one day in Heaven, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die in our place.
3. Ask God to help you follow His plan for you.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God's plan for them.

Application

When Moses was born the Hebrew people were slaves. The Hebrew baby boys were in danger because Pharaoh wanted to kill them. Moses was not an ordinary child. God had special plans for him, so God saved Moses.

Planning for the next week:

A Burning Bush — Exodus 3:1-22

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 2:1-10 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Bring a baby doll and a basket with you today. Hold it in your arms and ask the children what it's like having a baby around. Explain that today's story is about a little baby boy.

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Memory verse for younger children:

Moses was not an ordinary child. Acts 7:20

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity** — Cut out figures of reeds from green construction paper. Write the memory verse. Have the children practice the verse. Remind them that Moses' sister watched over him until Pharaoh's daughter found him.
- **Test your memory** — Bring a tub and fill it with water. Bring a plastic basket with a toy baby. Put it in the water as you tell the story.
- **Taste activity** — Wrap a tortilla around a banana or wrap cheese and ham in a tortilla to make a "baby" in the blanket snack.
- **Think about it** — The Hebrews were slaves. Their baby boys were being killed. It had to be difficult. Talk about what emotions the Hebrews might have felt. The Hebrews cried out to God. Talk about the importance of faith in difficult circumstances.
- Moses' mother made a basket to put her baby in the river. Talk about how difficult that must have been. Talk about what it is like to be separated from family. Talk about how God provides a family for us. He is our Father. We have brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Touch activity** — Teach the kids how to weave by using a cup. Cut vertical strips around the cup and weave yarn back and forth around the cup.
- Make baskets out of play dough and act out the lesson.
- Show the kids how to care for a baby. Talk about how to feed and bathe a little child. Show them how to wrap a blanket around a baby too.
- **Run and play** — Here is a fun water activity from Group Publishing. Bring 2 large sheets and water-filled water balloons. Divide the group into two teams that will hold the sheets. Now let the teams toss the balloon back and forth using the sheets. Talk about how God cares for us and will help us with our needs.
- **Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to follow His plan for our lives.
- **Sing** — Sing "The Family of God," "The Lord Has A Will," or another song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Deliver coloring pages for those who did not attend. Help them learn the verse. Encourage the child who did not attend to read the story in the Bible.

Learning Activities

Sing to the tune of *London Bridge*

Baby Moses, He is born,
He is born, He is born.
Baby Moses, He is born,
Hurry, hide him.

Mother makes a basket bed,
Basket bed, basket bed.
Mother makes a basket bed
Miriam is watching.

Moses floating in the Nile,
In the Nile, in the Nile.
Moses floating in the Nile,
Miriam is watching.

Moses in the bulrushes,
Bulrushes, bulrushes.
Moses in the bulrushes,
Miriam is watching.

Pharaoh's daughter picks him up,
Picks him up, picks him up.
Pharaoh's daughter picks him up,
Miriam is watching.

(Words by Rebecca Strickland)

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Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

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Word Search

L J K C V S H N D N Y M
M T D T E R I R K B F P
N K V V M E K I A L p R
D J A K A T T B D H T M
N L M O T H E R A J W P
S S N V S G D R G C T N
D R M D H U O A V P K D
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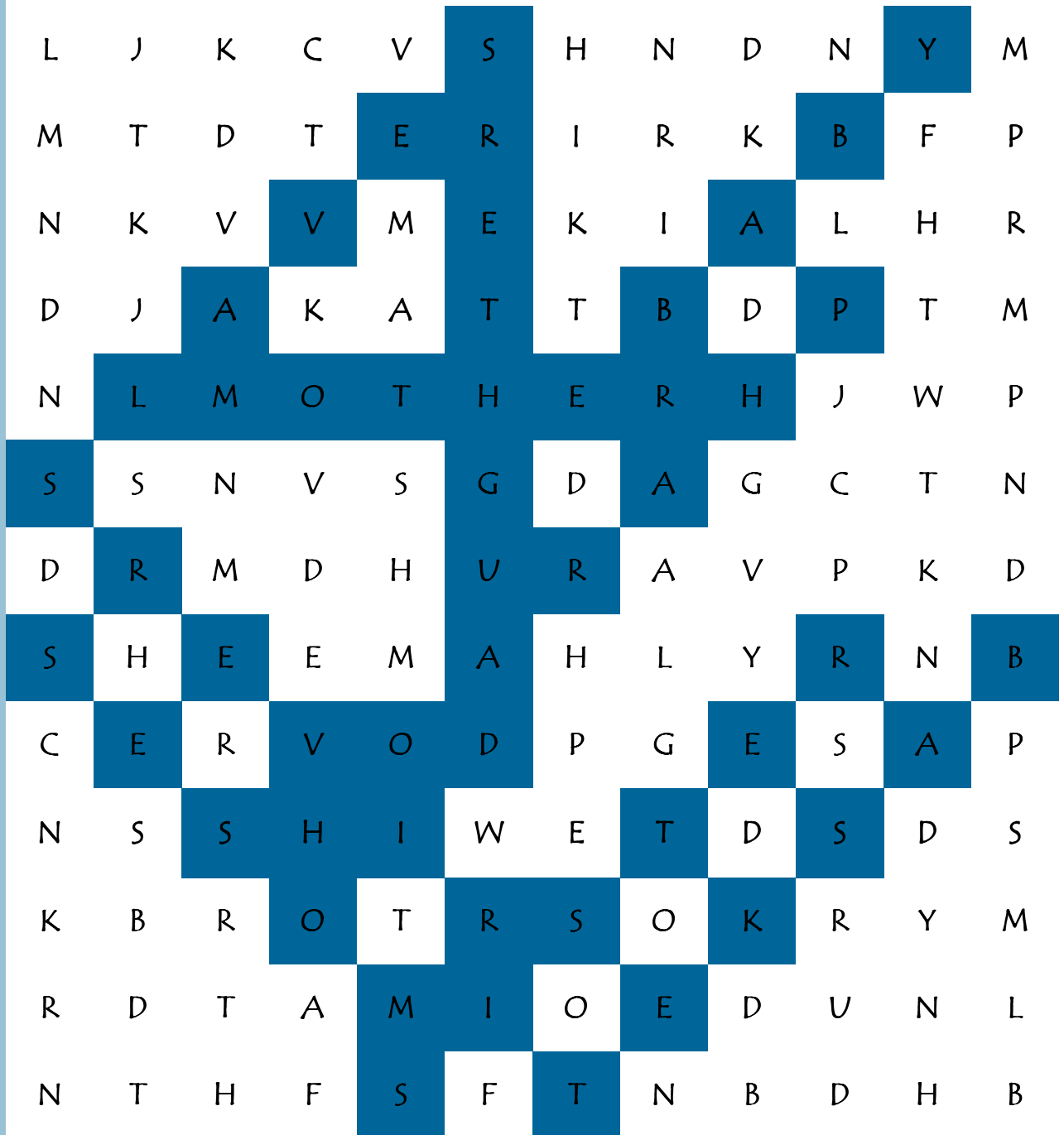
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RAHAHOP

DUGAHRET

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Anagram

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JOCHABED

SISTER

PHARAOH

DAUGHTER

BASKET

RIVER

CHILD