

D29. Moses is Born

Exodus 1:1-14; 2:1-10

Memory Verse

"He makes my way perfect." --Psalm 18:32 (NIRV)

Bible Lessons

Message:

God will protect you.

Please Note: Due to the different biblical translations, different words or "titles" are used. For example, some translations will say "King of Egypt" while others will say "Pharaoh". Please help the children understand that in such cases, these are one and the same.

After Joseph was reunited with his brothers, his entire family came to Egypt to live. Those that came were Jacob's sons, (Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher) plus their families. There were 70 people altogether. They lived in Egypt and their children had children, and much time passed, and this family from the country of Israel, called the "Israelites" had great numbers in Egypt.

In time, a new King came to power in Egypt. He didn't know anything about Joseph or God or the Israelites. He just saw a large group of people. "Look," he said. "The Israelites are far too many for us. We must deal with them carefully. If we don't, they will increase their numbers even more. Then if war breaks out, they'll join our enemies. They'll fight against us and leave the country." So the Egyptians made life hard for the people of Israel. They became slaves and were forced to build cities and to work harder and harder. But the more the Egyptians would punish the people of Israel, and the harder they made them work, the more the Israelite's numbers grew. Their family got bigger and bigger! And so the Egyptians became more and more afraid of the Israelites. So they made the Israelites work even harder.

Then the King of Egypt (or the Pharaoh) made a law that said that only the girl babies could live, and that any boy babies born would have to die. The King did not want the people of Israel to keep growing in number and in strength.

There was a man from the family of Levi. He married a woman and she later gave birth to a baby boy. The mother saw how beautiful the baby was, and so she hid him for three months. But after that, she wasn't able to hide her baby any longer. So she got a basket that was made out of the stems of tall grass, or reeds. She coated it with tar so that it would float. Then she placed the baby boy in the basket. She put the basket in the tall grass that grew along the edge of the Nile River. The baby's older sister wanted to see what would happen to him, so she watched over him.

The daughter of the King of Egypt (who was called the Pharaoh) went down to the Nile River to take a bath. Her servant girls were walking beside her along the banks of the river. She saw the basket in the tall grass and she sent her maiden to go and get it. When the Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she saw the baby boy. He was crying and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Then the baby's sister spoke to the Pharaoh's daughter. She asked, "Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women? She could take care of the baby for you."

"Yes, please," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. The King's daughter asked the woman to: "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him.

When the child grew older, she took him to King's daughter. She adopted the baby as her own son. She named him Moses because she had pulled him out of the water.

After a long time, the King of Egypt died. The people of Israel groaned because they were forced to work very hard. They cried for help. God heard their cries. He also remembered the agreement or promise He had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Talk About It

Talk with your child about things that we have to wear for protection. For example, we may need extra warm coats, gloves, hats and scarves in the winter to protect us from the cold. We also need sunscreen to protect us in the summer from the warm and dangerous rays of the sun. If we ride our bicycles, we need to wear helmets to protect our heads in case of an accident. We even wear shoes on our feet to protect them from getting hurt if we should step on something sharp.

In today's story, we learn about what happened to baby Moses and how God protected him. There were all kinds of danger for that little baby when his mother placed him into the Nile River, but God kept him safe from harm, and He even helped him to find a new home with the Pharaoh's daughter.

Talk together with your child about a time when God protected you from danger. Share with him the thankfulness that lived in your heart when you realized that God had taken care of you. When you pray together, remember to thank our Heavenly Father for watching over you and your family. Remind your child that our help always comes from the Lord. He will protect you. Talk about it.