

Baby Moses by the River

Elementary Lesson



Theme: God's care and protection.

Scripture: Exodus 1:8--2:10

Memory Verse: "When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.' " Exodus 2:10

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Say: **Good parents will do everything they can to keep their baby (Pause.) safe. Our Bible lesson today is about a little boy baby (Pause.) who was born in a very dangerous time.**

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country. So he issued a command to all of his people: "Take every newborn Hebrew boy and throw him into the Nile River, but let the girls live."

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A little later, the king's daughter came down to the river to bathe. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass. The princess looked in the basket and saw a baby (Pause.). He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," (Pause.) she said.

The baby's (Pause.) sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby (Pause.) for you?"

"Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's (Pause.) own mother. The princess told the woman, "Take this baby (Pause.) and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the mother took him home.

Later, when the child was old enough, the mother took the boy and gave him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The king's daughter said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."

What an amazing story of two mothers who loved their child and God's protection and care. Moses grew to be one of the greatest leaders the people of Israel has ever known. And it all started with a little baby (Pause.) hidden in the tall bushes down by the river.

Pray: Dear God, just as the mother of Moses watched over her son and protected him, You love and care for Your children. We thank You for Your love and protection. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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Basket Baby

You'll Need:

- Two baskets
- 2 sets of "[Basket Baby Cards](#)"
- Scissors

Get Ready: Make identical sets of the "Basket Baby Cards" - one for each team. Put each set in a different basket. Place the baskets on the far side of the room.

Do This:

Read aloud the Bible memory verse. Then have kids follow these steps.

- Form two teams.
- Have each team line up at the opposite side of the room.
- One at a time, kids run to the basket and pick a card. They need to find the Bible memory verse phrases in order.
- If a team member chooses a phrase that does not come next in the verse, they have to run back and get the right one.
- When a player returns, the next child plays.
- The first team to get all their Bible memory verse in order wins.

Invite the kids to recite the whole Bible memory verse together several times.

Virtual Lesson Tip:

Kids can do this activity with their family.

Bible Interactive Experience:

You'll Need:

- Large river rocks - one per child
- Write one of the following Scripture references on each of the rocks. (Repeat the references on rocks to make sure each child's rock has a reference.)
 - Isaiah 41:13
 - Isaiah 41:10
 - Isaiah 43:2
 - Psalm 32:8
 - Psalm 23:1-3
 - Isaiah 40:11

- Psalm 40:17
- Psalm 34:17-18
- Proverbs 18:24
- Isaiah 49:15
- Bible - one per child

Get Ready:

Hide the rocks around the room.

Do This:

Have kids follow these steps.

- Ask kids to open their eyes and each find a hidden rock.
- Once they found their rock, invite them to open their Bibles to the reference on their rock.
- Call out each reference, Invite a child to read that Scripture aloud. After it is read aloud, invite the class to discuss how that verse shows that God cares for us.

Say: **God's Word is true and we can see by these verses that He cares deeply for us.**

Ask: **Where in your life right now do you need to be reminded that God cares for you?** (Allow kids to openly share.)

Pray: **Dear God, this world can be so hard sometimes. We are so thankful for Your protection and care for us. Sometimes we need to be reminded of how much You care for us. Give us eyes to see how You take care of us daily. In Jesus' name, amen.**

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"No Good Awful Day" Video Lesson

You'll Need:

- ["No Good Rotten Day"](#) video lesson
- Something to play the video

Do This:

Show kids the video.

Afterward, ask:

- **Have you ever had a day like Ella?** (Allow kids to share.)
- **What do you do when you have a day like Ella?**

Say: **Kids, life is hard and full of challenges, but that doesn't mean God doesn't care. God's Word is clear over and over about how He cares for us. Sometimes we have to look harder to see His care and protection but He always cares.**

Baby Bear Basket

You'll Need:

- Cupcake/muffin wrapper - one per child
- Pretzel sticks
- Fruit snack strip - one per child
- Teddy bear graham cracker
- Napkins

Do This:

Say: **For our snack today we are going to wrap up our bear like baby Moses and place him in a basket.**

Have kids follow these steps to make their Baby Bear Basket.

- Fill a cupcake/muffin wrapper with pretzel sticks going different directions to look like a basket.
- Wrap your fruit strip snack around your teddy bear.
- Lay the wrapped bear in your pretzel basket.
- Enjoy.

Baby Relay

You'll Need:

- A babydoll - one per team
- A basket - one per team
- A towel - one per team

Get Ready:

Wrap the baby doll in a towel and set it in the basket. Set the basket for each team at one end of the room.

Do This:

Form two teams.

Play the game as follows:

- Each team will run a relay.
- Each team player will take the baby out of the tub, unwrap it and rewrap it, and place the baby back in the tub.
- They will then run back to the team to say “take care of that baby” to the next classmate to run the same relay.
- The next player will then run and do the same thing until all players have gone.

After the game, ask:

- **Was it easy or hard to take care of the baby?**
- **What are some ways you were taken care of as a baby?**
- **What are some ways God cares for you today?**

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Care Rocks

You'll Need:

- [Baby Moses by the River How-to video](#)
- Rocks from the Interactive Bible experience.
- Permanent markers
- Paint
- Paint brushes

Do This:

Say: **Today you will get to share God's care with others.**

Have kids follow these steps to make their Care Rocks.

- Trace over the Scripture reference with a marker to make sure it can be seen.
- Paint around the Scripture reference to create a beautiful rock.
- Take these rocks home with them to hide them in plain sight at a public place for someone else to learn about God's care.

Hands-On Prayers

You'll Need:

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Large wall map
- hands

Do This:

Attach the map to a wall in the room low enough so kids can see it clearly and reach it easily.

Say: **Today's Bible lesson shows us that God cares for us and protects us. That doesn't mean that bad things never happen, but it does give us an opportunity to pray for people and places that need God's protection.**

Lead children in these steps:

- Invite each child to trace their hands on different color construction paper and cut out their hands.
- Once they have finished, give them tape to put on the back of their hand prints.
- One at a time allow them to go place their hand prints over an area on the map.
- After they place their handprints on the map, invite them to place their hand on top of their cut outs and pray for God protection for the people in that area on the map.
- Challenge them to also pray for those in that area that do not know Jesus, to come to know Him and how much He cares for them.

After children are finished, pray: **Great big God, we know there are many hurting people in this world that need your protection. Will you show these people how big you care for them and help them see you loved them so much You sent your Son Jesus to die for their sins? In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

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Time to Praise God

You'll Need:

- Song: "My God Is So Great"

[Words and Music](#)

[MP3](#) Accompaniment Track (right click to save to your computer)

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Do This:

Say: **Our great big God cares about us so much. He is our protector. Let's praise Him now through song.**

Lead children in singing "My God Is So Great"

If You Have Extra Time...

Use these activity sheets to fill in any time and keep kids learning.

[Baby Moses by the River Crossword](#)

[Baby Moses by the River Decoder](#)

[Baby Moses by the River Word Search](#)

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