

Baby Moses by the River

Preschool Lesson



Theme: God's care and protection.

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Memory Verse: "She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.' " Exodus 2:10

Get Ready: Click [here](#) to get your complete supply list for this lesson.

The Children's Sermon:

You'll Need:

- Several baby items, such as...
 - Bottle
 - Blanket
 - Sleeper
 - Pacifier

Get Ready: Before you begin, explain that you will be talking about a baby in your lesson. Instruct kids that when they hear the word "baby" to silently freeze doing something a baby would do. Invite kids to be creative and freeze in a different baby pose each time they hear the word.

Do This:

Show and explain the different baby items to care for a baby.

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.

There was a new King in Egypt who saw that the Israelites were very strong, and they were growing in number. "The King in Egypt was afraid that the Israelites were going to take over his 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."

During this time, a woman had a boy baby (Pause.). When she saw what a fine, handsome baby (Pause.) he was, she hid him for three months.

As the baby (Pause.) got older, she couldn't hide him any longer, so she made a basket of tall grass and covered it all over with tar to make it watertight. Then she put the baby (Pause.) in the basket and hid it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's (Pause.) sister stood some distance away to watch and see what would happen to him.

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.

Virtual Lesson Tip:

Kids can do this activity with their family.

Bible Memory Verse: "She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.' "

Exodus 2:10

Bean Bag Basket

You'll Need:

- Two baskets
- Bean bags

Do This:

Place the baskets in the middle of the room.

Have kids follow these steps.

- Allow two kids to go at a time.
- Say a phrase from the Bible memory verse and have them repeat the phrases back to you as they toss the bean bags into the basket.
- Allow each child a turn to repeat and toss their bean bag in the basket.

Invite the preschoolers to repeat the Bible memory verse together.

Virtual Lesson Tip:

Kids can do this activity with their family.

Bible Interactive Experience:

You'll Need:

- Hand cut outs with Isaiah 41:10 written on them - one for each child
- Bible

Get Ready:

Hide the hands around the room.

Do This:

Have kids follow these steps.

- Find a hidden hand.
- Once they find a hand, invite them to sit in a wide circle on the floor.

Say: Let's look up the Bible verse found on your handprints. When you hear the word hand in your verse, I want you to wave your hand in the air. Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Ask:

- Raise your hand in the air if you are ever scared.
- Wave your hand in the air if you ever need God's help.
- Hold your hand to your heart if you know God cares for you.

Say: This Bible verse tells us that we don't have to be afraid because God cares for us. Next time you are afraid, pray to God.

"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?
- 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
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- 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.

Who's Crying

You'll Need:

- A blindfold

Get Ready: Gather children to sit 6 feet apart in a circle.

Do This:

Play the game as follows:

- Ask for a child to be blindfolded in the middle of the circle.
- Then the children will take turns "crying like a baby" for the blindfolded person to guess who is crying.
- Let all children get a chance to cry for a blindfolded person.
- If the blindfolded person guesses who was crying, then they will change places and continue to play as time allows.

Ask:

- **Why do babies cry sometimes?**
- **Why would baby Moses cry when he was in the basket?**

Say: We aren't babies anymore, but we still get hungry or sad or afraid. Anytime we feel those things, we can go to God for care and protection.

Virtual Lesson Tip:

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Care Hands

You'll Need:

- "[Baby Moses](#)" handout
- Markers
- Construction paper
- Glue sticks

Do This:

Say: Today we learned how God took care of Moses when he was in the basket. Let's talk about this: how does God take care of you?

Allow kids to think about how God takes care of them.

Help kids follow these steps to make their "Care Hands."

- Trace your hands on the construction paper.
- Cut out your hand prints
- Write on the hand print how God takes care of you.
- Color and cut out their baby Moses.
- Glue your baby Moses to the middle of another piece of construction paper.
- Then place their hand print underneath baby Moses.

Encourage preschoolers to take their “Care Hands” home to remember that God cares for them and protects them.

Handy Prayers

You'll Need:

- Basket
- Completed “Care Hands”

Do This:

Say: **Hold your “Care Hands” between your hands. Think really hard about something going on in your life where you need to know God cares.**

Walk around and pray for each child, according to what's written on their hands.

Close in prayer: **Great big God, we saw today how You protected and cared for baby Moses. Help us to remember that even though life can be hard, You care for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

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 Coloring Page](#)

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