

Bible Discovery

God takes care of us. *(Amen!)* Hold up a Bible. **Our story from the Bible is about a baby named Moses. God had special plans for baby Moses, and God took care of him during a scary time. Let's talk in our Connect Crews.**

- Have Connect Crews get comfy in knee-to-knee circles.
- **When have you been scared?** Share a quick story from your own life to begin. Perhaps you didn't like the dark or you had to talk to a big group of people.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

Thanks for telling about your scary times. Moses' family was going through a scary time. They were Hebrews—God's very special people. But they lived in a place called Egypt, and they weren't treated very nicely there.

- **Think of a time someone wasn't nice to you. How did you feel?** Invite a few responses from the whole group.

The Egyptian king—called Pharaoh—wasn't nice to God's people. He didn't want them to have baby boys. Moses' family must have been so sad and scared. But **God takes care of us. *(Amen!)* God had a plan, and he was going to do amazing things to take care of his special people.**

Moses' mom tried to hide her special baby boy for a while. But it's hard to hide a baby! Babies cry and make noises and need to be fed. Do this with me!

- Cry like a baby until you say "Shh!"
- Giggle and coo happily like a baby until you say "Shh!"
- Pretend to noisily drink from a bottle like a baby until you say "Shh!"

It's hard to keep a baby hidden and quiet, so baby Moses' mom came up with a plan. Let's read about the plan in the Bible.

 Read aloud Exodus 2:3.

Moses' mom made a special basket to lay Moses in. I guess it was kind of like a car seat! Then she put the basket not in a car but along the bank of a river, like a boat! Let's make our own baskets and rivers.

- Give each Crew a paper bowl and cup; green, blue, and brown crayons; and a tissue.
- Have kids take turns coloring the outside of the cup brown to look like a basket.
- Have kids take turns coloring the outside of the bowl blue to look like water.
- Have kids take turns coloring the inside of the bowl green to look like reeds or plants in the water.

Supplies

- Bible
- "Moses Is Rescued by Pharaoh's Daughter" Bible Story poster
- disposable paper bowls (1 per Crew)
- green, blue, and brown crayons (1 of each per Crew)
- small cups of water (1 per Crew)
- 2- or 3-ounce paper cups (1 per Crew)
- tissues

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

Welcome a few responses. Be sure to summarize what kids say so everyone can hear.

 Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Great job coloring the basket, water, and reeds. Reeds are plants that grow along the sides of a river. Now let's add some water and make our baskets float.

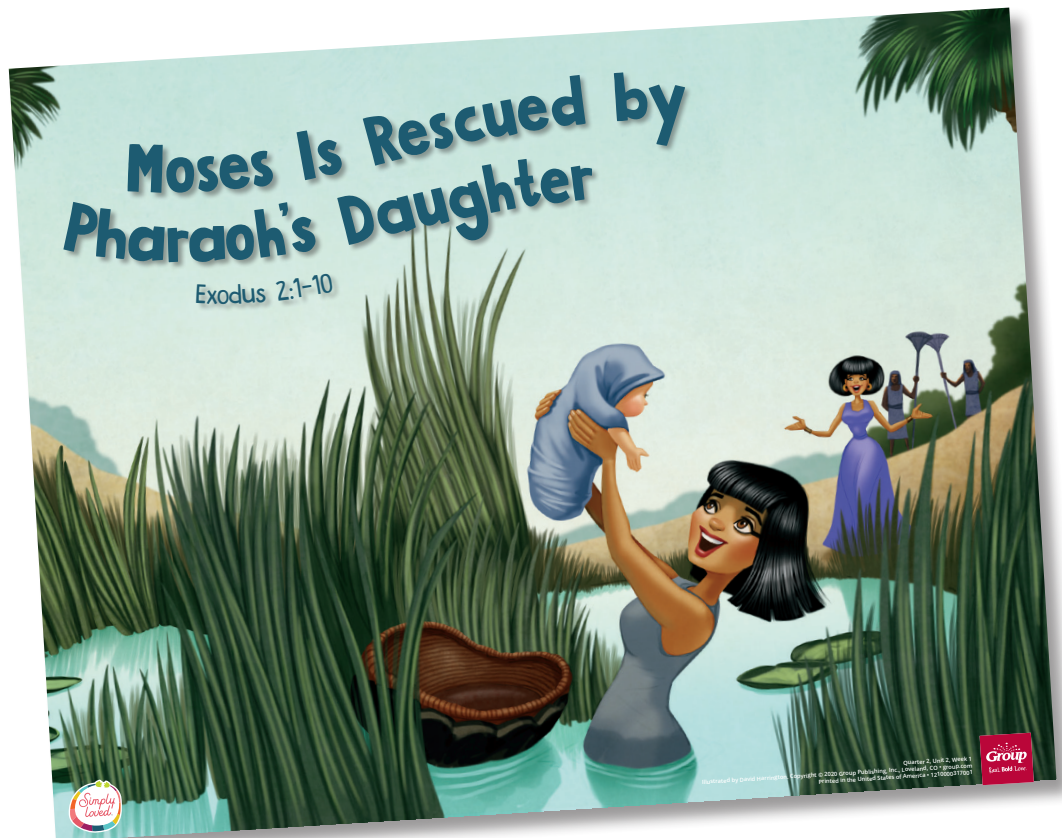
- Have Crew Guides add the small cup of water to their Crews' bowls.
- Show Crews how to fold up the tissue as if swaddling a baby, and then have Crews place the tissue in the cup.
- Invite Crews to place their "basket" cups in the water so they float.

Our baskets are floating, and our tissues are dry and safe. God kept baby Moses dry and safe, too. Baby Moses' sister, Miriam, watched to see what would happen next. Let's all watch our baskets float in the water for a bit.

- Pause for about five seconds, then ask if anyone sees anything.
- Pause for another five seconds, then ask if anyone hears a baby crying.
- Pause for another five seconds, then pretend to see someone coming.
- Show the "Moses Is Rescued by Pharaoh's Daughter" Bible Story poster.

Look! It's the king's daughter—a princess! She's sending someone to get the baby in the basket for her.

- Ask for one person in each Crew to take the cup out of the water, bring it to you, and then return to their Crew.



Thank you. Let's read in the Bible to see what happened next.



Read aloud Exodus 2:6.

The princess wanted to take care of Moses. So Miriam, Moses' big sister, went to talk to the princess. Miriam offered to take the baby home with her so her mom could take care of the baby until he was older. The princess liked that idea!

- Designate one person in each Crew to be Miriam. The "Miriams" will come and take their Crew's cup back to their Crew again.
- As the Miriams take their cups, pretend to be the princess and say, "Take good care of the baby for me!"
- In each Crew, pass around the cup and tell the pretend baby, **God takes care of us.** (Amen!)
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has said the Bible Point.

God took care of Moses. Moses stayed with his real family until he was older, and then he went to live with the Egyptian princess. I'll collect all your cups now. Collect all the cups from Crews.

The princess took care of Moses until he was a grown-up. God had very special plans for Moses, and he made sure Moses was safe and taken care of. **God takes care of us.** (Amen!)

God has special plans for us, too. Like he sent the princess to care for Moses, he asks people to care for us. Let's talk about these special people.

- Have Connect Crews get comfy in knee-to-knee circles.
- **? Who is someone who takes care of you? What does that person do for you?** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

God takes care of us. (Amen!) **God asks people to be a special part of his plan for our lives.**

- Collect bowls and supplies from Crews before moving on to your next activity.

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.