Unit 4 • Session 4
Moses Was Born and Called

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 1–4

STORY POINT: God can do anything.

KEY PASSAGE: Hosea 13:4b

CHRIST CONNECTION: Moses' life pointed to a better Rescuer: Jesus.

Bible Story for Toddlers

Jacob's family grew to be a big nation in Egypt. A new pharaoh made God's people work very hard in Egypt making bricks out of mud. He was afraid of God's people, so he said, "Throw every Hebrew baby boy into the Nile River!" One Hebrew mother put her son in a basket in the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found the baby. She named him Moses. Moses grew up as the princess's son. One day, Moses ran away to Midian (MID ih uhn). In Midian, Moses saw a burning bush. God called from the bush, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have seen how My people are suffering. I want you to lead them out of Egypt." God warned that Moses' job would not be easy, but God would be with Moses.

Babies Gospel Gems

❋ God kept baby Moses safe.
❋ God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt.
❋ God chose Jesus to rescue us.

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BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Exodus 1. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. Moses' life pointed to a better Rescuer: Jesus. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** [*Pray for the babies.*]

Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down":

"Is there anything God can't do*, God can't do, God can't do?

Is there anything God can't do?

God can do anything!"

*Substitute *God can save His people* in subsequent rounds. Finish each stanza with the Story Point.

SAY: God kept baby Moses safe. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. God chose Jesus to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

Paint with water

Provide colorful construction paper and a small cup of water. Help babies dip their fingers in water, and then encourage them to "finger-paint" on the colorful paper. Set aside the paper when it becomes too soggy.

SAY: God kept baby Moses safe when his mommy put him in a basket on the Nile River. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Look for baby Moses

Help a baby place soft blankets in a basket. Place a baby doll in the basket and pretend to "float" it down the river before resting it in front of a baby. Invite the baby to look in the basket. Repeat with each child.

SAY: God kept baby Moses safe. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security guidelines. Give parents today's big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

TODDLER Activities

Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Exodus 1. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the Gospel Gems and Story Point. Pray for the toddlers.

Make baby Moses art

Print and cut out the "Baby Moses" printable for each toddler. Help toddlers glue a coffee filter or cupcake liner to blue paper and then glue baby Moses in the "basket." Write the Story Point or Christ Connection on each page.

SAY: God kept baby Moses safe in the basket. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. Moses' life pointed to a better Rescuer: Jesus. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Read a book

Print and assemble the "Moses Book" printable. Read the book to the toddlers and encourage them to point with you to the pictures and help you count the numbers. Consider using this book in the last two sessions of this unit as well.

SAY: God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. Later, God chose Jesus to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

Follow a path

Tape the Bible story picture to one wall at toddler's height. Use colorful tape to make a zigzag or looping path on the floor for toddlers to follow, leading them to the picture. Briefly retell the Bible story.

SAY: God talked to Moses through a burning bush. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. Later, God chose Jesus to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Squish mud

Scoop some dirt and a tablespoon of water into a ziplock bag. Seal the bag with duct tape and invite toddlers to squish it to make mud. Retell the Bible story.

SAY: A new pharaoh made God's people create bricks out of mud. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

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Transition activity: Sing a song

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb":

"God saved Moses in the Nile, in the Nile, in the Nile!
God saved Moses in the Nile.
*God gave him a job to do!"

*Substitute *So he could lead God's people* in the next round.

SAY: God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. Moses' life pointed to a better Rescuer: Jesus. God chose Jesus to rescue us from our wrong choices. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Weave a basket

Provided a slotted laundry basket and thick colorful ribbons for toddlers to thread through the basket. You may demonstrate how to weave over and under for older toddlers. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY: God kept baby Moses safe in a basket. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Float baskets

Provide a plastic bin with just enough water to float silicone or aluminum cupcake liners. Invite toddlers to float the "baskets" and use their breath to make them move. Keep towels handy to clean up spills.

SAY: Baby Moses floated in a basket. God chose Moses to bring His people out of Egypt. God chose Jesus to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, Story Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.