



Baby Moses

Courage Among the Reeds

Exodus 1-2 · Ages 8-12 · Free ₹0

This book belongs to

Read, wonder, talk

Enjoy eight short chapters. Look up the Bible references with an adult. Pause when something surprises you. Finish with the questions and your creative activity.

About this edition

Original retelling and layout prepared for Christ Alive Church, Bengaluru. The text summarises the biblical passages; it is not a Bible translation. New cover illustration created with AI.

To print a folded A5 book, select Booklet in your PDF viewer, use A4 paper and double-sided printing. Check the printer preview before printing.

CHAPTER 01

A Cruel King

Exodus 1:8-14

A new king ruled Egypt. He feared the growing Israelite population and forced them into hard labour. The people built and worked under harsh treatment. They were not less valuable because a king treated them badly. God saw their suffering. The story of Moses begins among families who needed deliverance.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 02

Brave Midwives

Exodus 1:15-21

Pharaoh ordered Hebrew baby boys to be killed. The midwives Shiphrah and Puah feared God and refused to follow that cruel command. They protected life when a powerful ruler demanded harm. Their courage reminds us that authority does not make cruelty right. These women mattered in God's story of rescue.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 03

A Baby Hidden

Exodus 1:22-2:2

Pharaoh's orders became even more dangerous for Hebrew families. A Levite mother gave birth to a son and hid him for three months. Keeping him safe took courage and care. The story does not give us every conversation in the house, but it shows a mother acting to protect the life of her child.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 04

A Carefully Made Basket

Exodus 2:3

When she could hide him no longer, his mother prepared a papyrus basket and coated it so water would not seep in. She placed the baby inside and set the basket among the reeds at the river's edge. She did not simply throw him into the river. She made a careful plan in a frightening situation.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 05

A Sister Watches

Exodus 2:4-6

The baby's sister stood at a distance to see what would happen. Pharaoh's daughter came to the river and noticed the basket. A servant brought it to her. When she opened it, the baby was crying. She recognised that he was a Hebrew child and felt compassion for him.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 06

A Quick Question

Exodus 2:7-8

The baby's sister stepped forward with a helpful question. Should she call a Hebrew woman to nurse the child? Pharaoh's daughter agreed. The girl went to get the baby's own mother. Her watchfulness and quick thinking helped connect a vulnerable baby with the care he needed.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 07

Back in His Mother's Arms

Exodus 2:9

Pharaoh's daughter asked the woman to nurse the child for her and offered payment. Moses' mother could now care for him openly under the princess's protection. A story that had seemed to be closing in fear opened into an unexpected opportunity. Several people's compassionate choices had helped preserve this child's life.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

CHAPTER 08

A Name and a Future

Exodus 2:10

When the child grew older, his mother brought him to Pharaoh's daughter. She adopted him and named him Moses, remembering how she had drawn him from the water. He would one day lead Israel out of Egypt. First, he was a baby who needed others to protect him. Small acts of courage can have a long future.

Pause and notice: what changes in this part of the story?

Think together

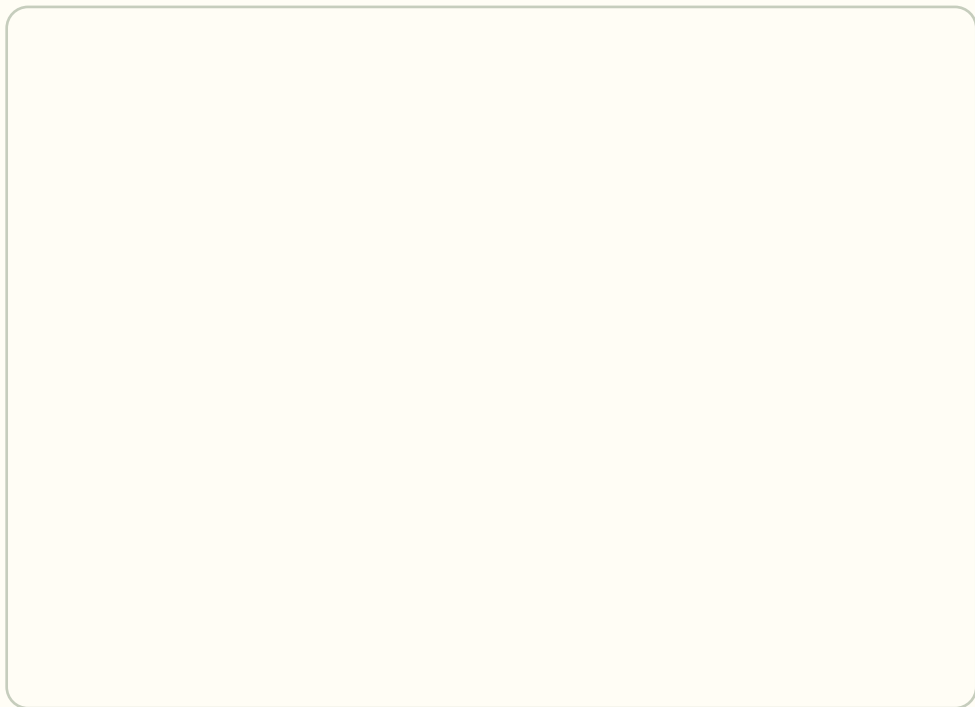
1. Who acted courageously in this story?

2. How did Moses' sister help?

3. What is one safe way you can ask an adult to help someone in need?

Make it your own

Draw a basket among the reeds. Around it, write the names of the people who helped protect Moses.



A little prayer

Thank God for what you learned. Ask Him to help you live with love, wisdom and courage today.