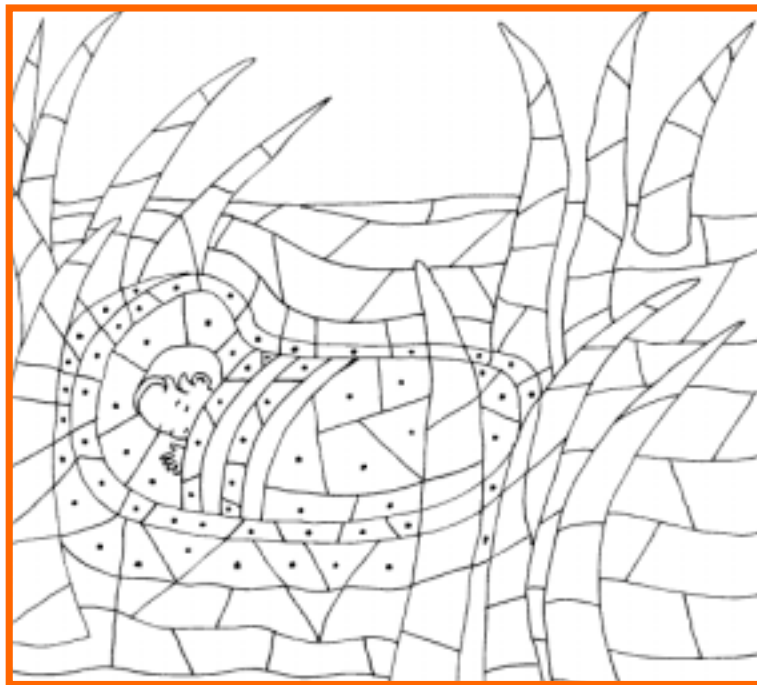


4 God Gives Us Courage

Hidden Picture Color the dotted spaces to see who is hiding in the reeds!



A Little History

Here's what happened before today's Bible story: Because of a famine, the Israelites moved to Egypt. Pharaoh, an Egyptian ruler, disliked the Israelites. Pharaoh decided they should be slaves. Then he decided all Israelite baby boys should be killed.





Big Idea

God gives us courage to help others.

Words to Know

- Papyrus** – A tall plant that grows by the Nile River in Egypt.
- Reeds** – Tall grasses that grow in wet areas.
- Pharaoh** – A ruler of ancient Egypt.
- Hebrews** – Another name for the Israelite people.

Bible Text Exodus 2:1-10

Key Verse When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." Exodus 2:10

Baby Moses is Rescued

Read today's Bible story from Exodus 2:1-10. Then answer these questions:

At first, what did the woman do with her baby boy?
(v. 2) _____

What did she make the basket from?
(v. 3) _____

What did she do with the basket?
(v. 3) _____

What happened when Pharaoh's daughter went to the river?
(v. 5) _____

Who did she think the baby belonged to?
(v. 6) _____

How did the baby's sister help?
(vv. 7-8) _____

What did Pharaoh's daughter name the boy? Why?
(v. 10) _____

THINK ABOUT IT

How would you have felt if you had been baby Moses's sister or brother?

Thinking About Courage

Who showed courage in today's Bible story?



Moses's mother showed courage by disobeying a bad law and saving her baby.



Pharaoh's daughter showed courage by rescuing a Hebrew baby.



Moses's sister showed courage by watching over her brother and offering to find someone to care for him.

The Bible has many stories about courageous people. But there are people today who show courage too:

- People with serious illnesses show courage when they endure treatments and surgeries.
- People who train to climb mountains or soar into outer space show courage.
- People who stand up for what they believe in show courage.

Who do you know who shows courage? _____

Why do you think he or she is courageous? _____

When have you shown courage? _____

How does God help you be courageous? _____

Witness at Home!

Use these activities to nurture and celebrate faith at home.

KNOW

KNOW THE STORY

Ask your child to retell the story of baby Moses to you. Talk about how difficult it must have been for the Hebrew parents who worried about their children. Look at photographs or keepsakes from your child's early years. Tell him or her stories about your family at that time.

Witness

WORDS

needs

famine

hospitality

prosper

GROW

GROW IN FAITH

Faith isn't something we can measure with a ruler or scale. But sometimes we sense our faith has grown when we worry less about something we used to worry about a lot. Or when we feel confident in a situation that once made us feel uncomfortable. Encourage your child to tell about times when his or her faith has felt weak and when it has grown stronger. Share your own faith stories as well.

Try This!

Weave a basket! Examine several baskets you have at home or visit a craft store with your child. What materials are the baskets made from? How do the weaving patterns differ? What is each basket's intended use? Experiment with basket designs by weaving thin strips of paper or ribbon into a mesh berry or produce basket. Fill the basket with wrapped cookies or other treats and offer it with hospitality to a neighbor or friend!

SHOW

SHOW SERVICE

When the Israelites began living in Egypt, they were shown hospitality. Hospitality is offering kindness and care to others. Make plans to offer hospitality to people in your community who show courage every day, such as firefighters and police officers. Consider bringing cookies or pizza to a local fire or police station as a gesture of thanks for all that these courageous people do in your community.

Family Prayer

God, as we think about the story of baby Moses, help us remember courageous people in our lives today, especially *(name family members or friends)*. Thank you for blessing our lives with people who live in ways that reflect your care and concern. **Amen**