





The Birth of Moses

Joseph and his brothers lived in Egypt. They had many children and grandchildren. They called themselves the people of Israel.

But a new king of Egypt said, "These people are too strong. There are too many of them. They might take over our land." So the king made the people of Israel be his slaves. But God was with them and made them even stronger.

Then the king said, "Throw all their boy babies into the river." This made the people of Israel afraid. The mothers tried to hide their babies.

Aaron and Miriam had a baby brother. They helped their mother hide the baby in their house. But soon the baby grew too big. He cried

too loudly. Someone would find him! So the mother put the baby in a basket and hid him in the grass by the river. The basket floated like a little boat. Miriam hid near the river to watch the baby.

Then a princess of Egypt came to the river. She saw the floating basket. She told her servants, "Get that basket for me." The princess opened the basket and saw the baby. She said, "I will keep this baby and name him Moses."

Miriam said, "I know someone who can help take care of the baby for you. Should I get her?" The princess said, "Yes." So Miriam ran to get her mother.

Miriam and Aaron were happy. Baby Moses would live! They would teach him that God had saved him.

God watches over us.



Parents: Choose a toy to represent the baby Moses. Have your child hide baby Moses in a safe place. Search for the baby. When you find him, remind your child how much special care a baby needs. Remember God's special gift—the baby Jesus, who came to be our Savior who takes away our sins.