

Baby Moses

Materials

- Large bowl of water

Introduction

Have the students sit in a circle around a bowl of water.

Explain: Water is going to play an important part in today's story. Water plays an important part in many Bible stories, and it plays an important part in our lives today. Let's think about how water can be used in our world. We'll take turns dipping a hand in the water as each person says a way that water can be used. When it's your turn and you can't think of one, you are eliminated from play until one person is left. Encourage kids to think of everyday ways, unusual uses, and more.

Story

The Nile River is the setting for our story today. Look for the river on the maps at the back of the Spark Bible. Share some interesting facts about the Nile:

- It's known as the world's longest river.
- It is about 4,180 miles long.
- Its source is actually two rivers: the White Nile from Lake Victoria in Uganda and the Blue Nile from Lake Tana in Ethiopia.
- The Nile flows through Egypt into the Mediterranean.
- When the Nile floods, it leaves behind very rich soil that is excellent for growing crops.

Discuss: What dangers might you find on a river?

Today we're going to read about what happened to baby Moses. We'll see that God sent some surprising people to help and protect Moses in a very dangerous situation. This story is in the book of Exodus. Let's look in our Bibles and see what we can find out about Exodus.

Exodus is a descriptive name for this book of the Bible. The word *exodus* means "going out" or "exit." This book is all about a large group of people, the Hebrews, who leave the country of Egypt on a very long journey.

When the book of Exodus begins, the ruler of Egypt, called Pharaoh, has just ordered a terrible thing to happen to God's people, the Hebrews. Pharaoh thought that the Hebrews were too strong and powerful, even though they were slaves. He wanted their power to stop, so he ordered that every Hebrew baby boy should be thrown into the Nile River. Baby girls were allowed to live.

As we read the story, listen for dangerous places and safe places. Read Exodus 2:1-10.

Discuss:

- What people and places could be dangerous and cause fear?
- What people and places were safe and could offer protection?

God sent the pharaoh's daughter to help and protect Moses. She raised him in her home. Even though her father gave the dangerous order, his daughter helped the family of Moses by protecting their new baby. God often sends people to help us. Sometimes they are the people we wouldn't expect.

Discuss:

- Why did God protect this baby?
- What was His plan for Moses?
- How does this story fit into God's Big Rescue Plan?
- How is water used in this story?
- How is water used elsewhere in the Bible?
- How does God use water today to reach out to His children?