

# Through the Bible for Children Exodus Lesson 2

## Adopted

### Exodus 2:1-10

There was a man of the house of Levi, that is he was a descendent of Levi the third son Jacob, who took a wife also of the family of Levi. This man's wife gave him a son. These two people looked at their son with great anguish realizing that according to Pharaoh's command, they were supposed to throw the baby into the Nile River, where he would either drown or be eaten by crocodiles. Trusting that somehow God would help them, they chose to disobey the wicked command. They hid their son for three months, but then it became impossible to hide him any longer. Then the baby's mother thought of a plan to save her son's life. This is what she did.

She built a little ark out of the bulrushes that grew near the shore of the river. Then she covered the ark with something like a tar so that it would be watertight and would not sink. After she had finished making the little boat, she placed her darling baby boy in the basket carefully and set him in the rushes at the river's edge. The mother left her daughter at the river's edge to watch what would happen to the little boy and she went home.

Now the place where the baby was hidden in his little basket was near to the place where Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. That day as she and her maids walked along the river's edge, she saw the little basket floating in the reeds. Being curious, she sent her maid to fetch the basket. As soon as she got the basket in her hands she opened it to see what was inside. To her amazement she saw a sweet little baby. As she looked at the baby, he began to cry and her heart was touched. As she continued looking at the baby, God softened her heart so that she cared for him. She said, "This is one of the Hebrew children."

Meanwhile the baby's sister came near to the princess. She said, "Would you like me to find a woman who will nurse the child for you?"

The princess replied, "Go."

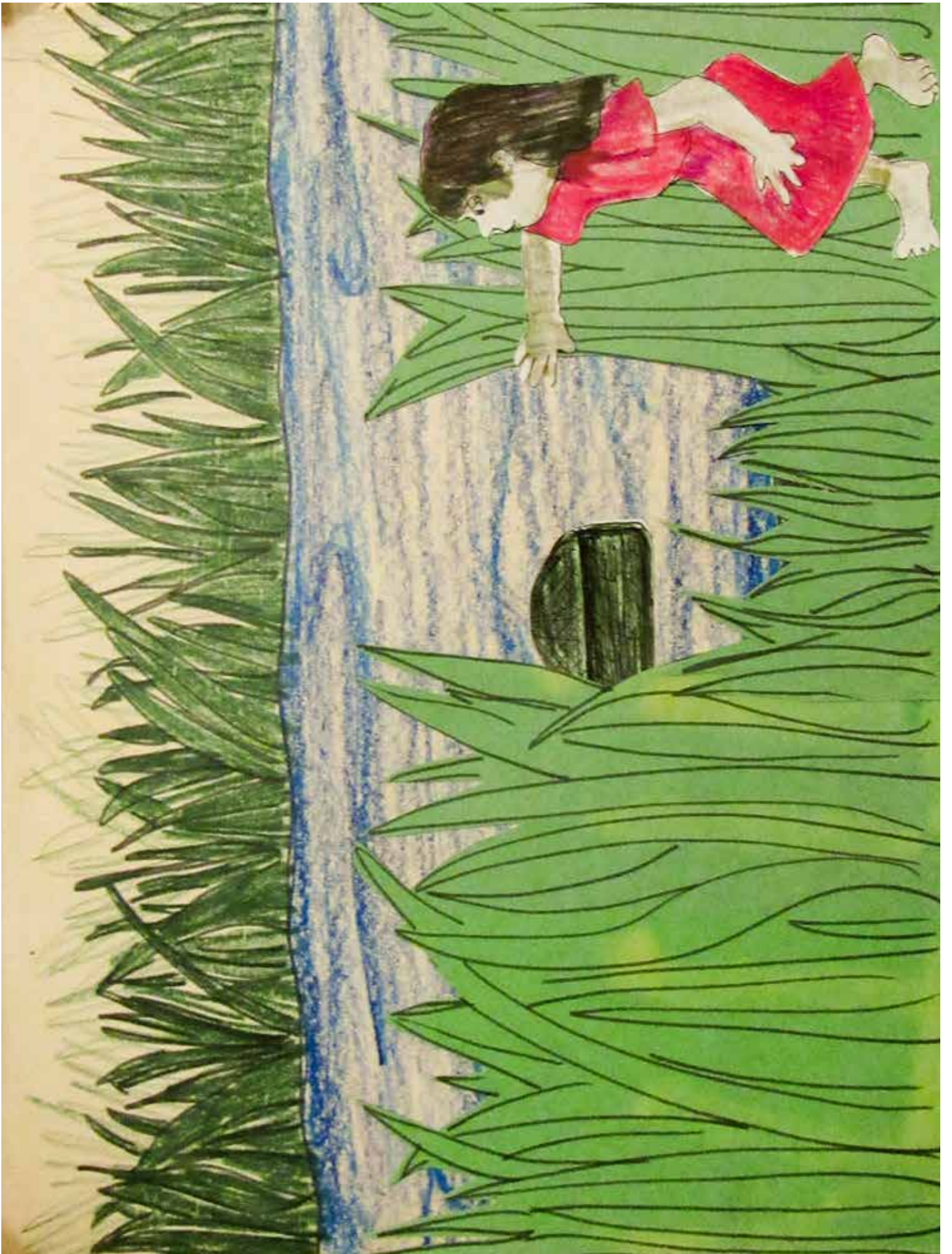
The young girl quickly ran to tell her mother all that had happened, and bring her back to speak to the princess. Pharaoh's daughter said to the baby's mother, "I want you to take this child and nurse him for me. I will pay you for the service."

So the mother took her own little son home to care for him with the princess' protection. What joy and thanksgiving must have filled her heart for the promise of his safety. Now no one could come and take him to throw him into the Nile. And besides this joy of safety for her son, she was paid to do something that she would gladly do for free. How great is our God and how willing and able he is to care for his children no matter how dangerous and difficult the situation. As the mother lovingly cared for her son, he grew strong and healthy. When he was weaned, his mother brought him to the palace of Pharaoh. There he was raised as a prince, having been adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter. The princess called her adopted son Moses, because she said, "I brought him out of the water."

Just as the princess adopted Moses and kept him from death, so God has adopted us who are his children. We have been saved from something far worse than physical death. We have been rescued from the power of sin and Satan, and have been given eternal life. We are freed from spiritual death.

#### LEARN:

But when the fullness of the time was come,  
God sent forth his Son,  
made of a woman, made under the law,  
To redeem them that were under the law,  
that we might receive the adoption sons.  
Galatians 4:4-5





1. Color the background

2. Cut needs out of green construction paper to cover background.

3 pieces 2 @  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " tall - one will be  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide - one will be about 4" wide  
1 about 3" wide and 2- $2\frac{1}{2}$  tall - the need sizes in each piece vary as shown below



3. Glue the need / pieces  
into background as  
shown →

4. Color Miriam and basket -

Cut them out and  
paste on scene - with basket  
slightly tucked into reeds in view -  
Miriam standing to the side and  
holding back the reeds on the  
right side of the picture



