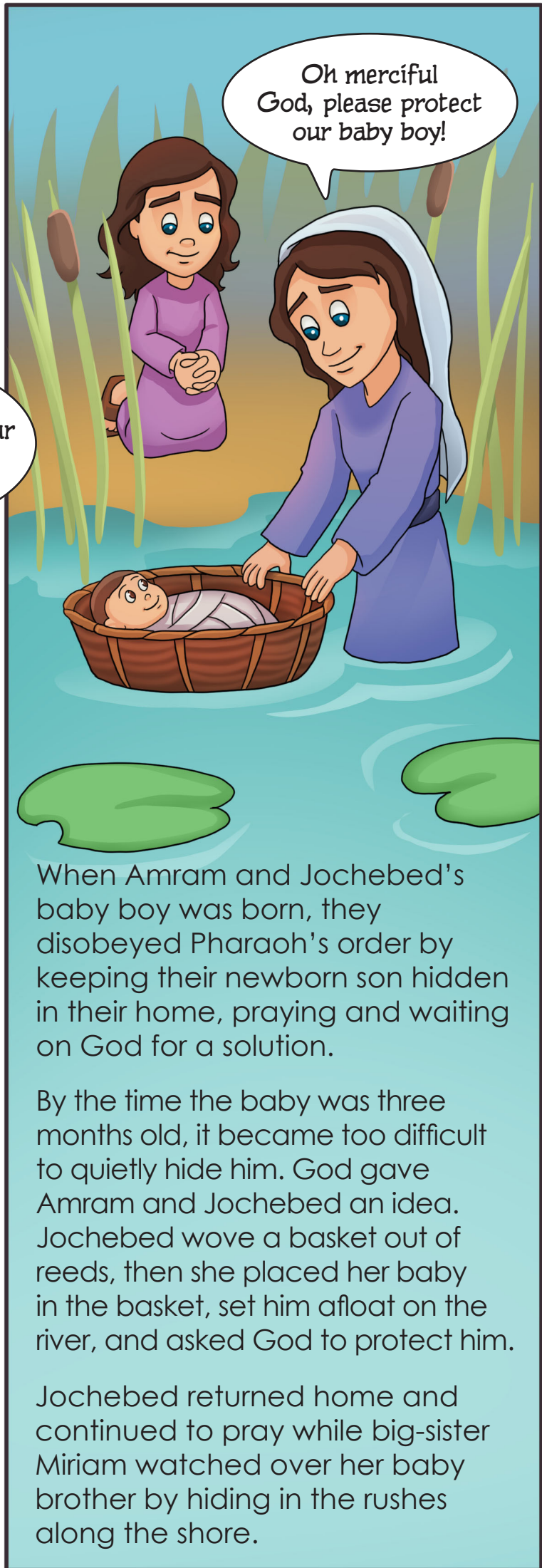


A decree from Pharaoh demanded that all newborn Hebrew boys be thrown into the river—a river with crocodiles. Why? Because the Pharaoh of Egypt thought that because there were so many Hebrew people, they would rebel and try to take charge of Egypt.

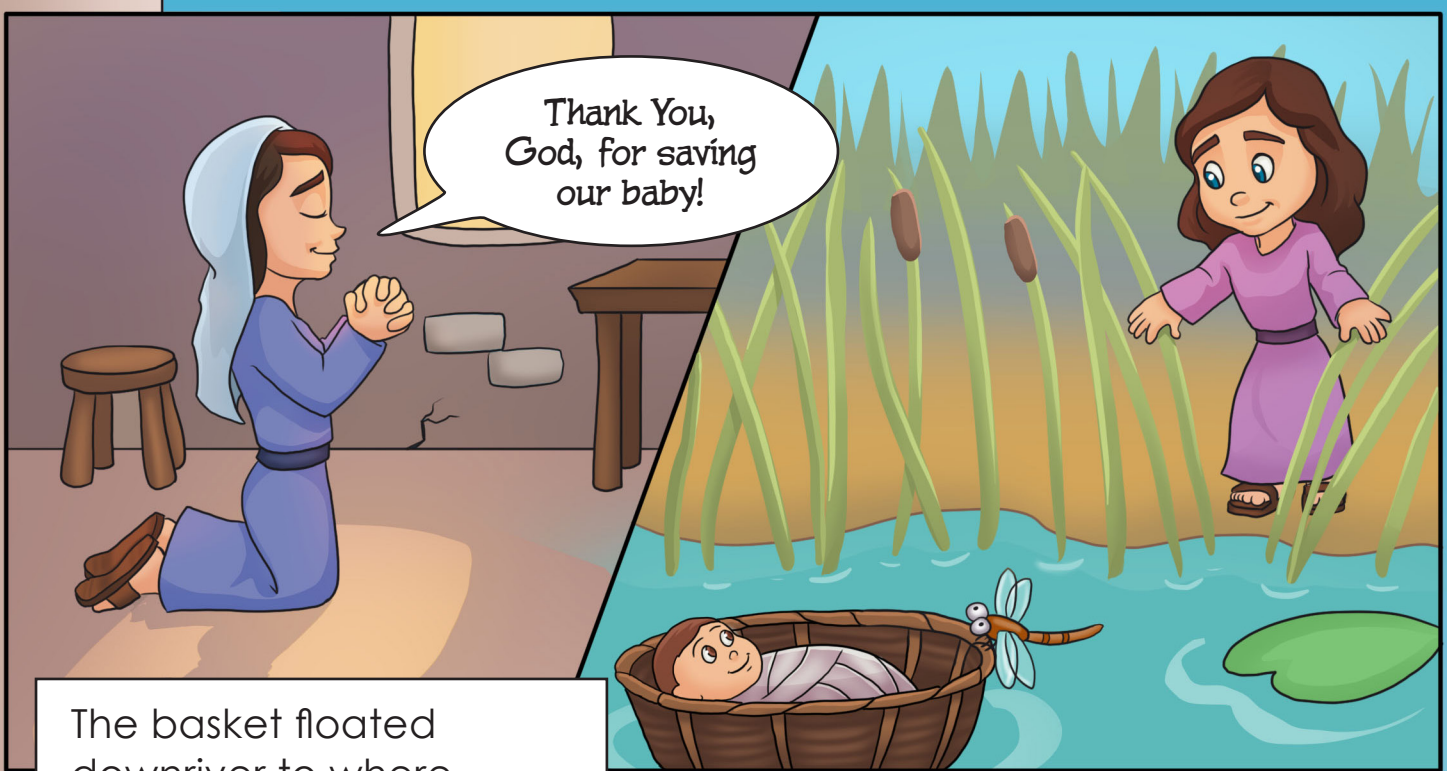


When Amram and Jochebed's baby boy was born, they disobeyed Pharaoh's order by keeping their newborn son hidden in their home, praying and waiting on God for a solution.

By the time the baby was three months old, it became too difficult to quietly hide him. God gave Amram and Jochebed an idea. Jochebed wove a basket out of reeds, then she placed her baby in the basket, set him afloat on the river, and asked God to protect him.

Jochebed returned home and continued to pray while big-sister Miriam watched over her baby brother by hiding in the rushes along the shore.

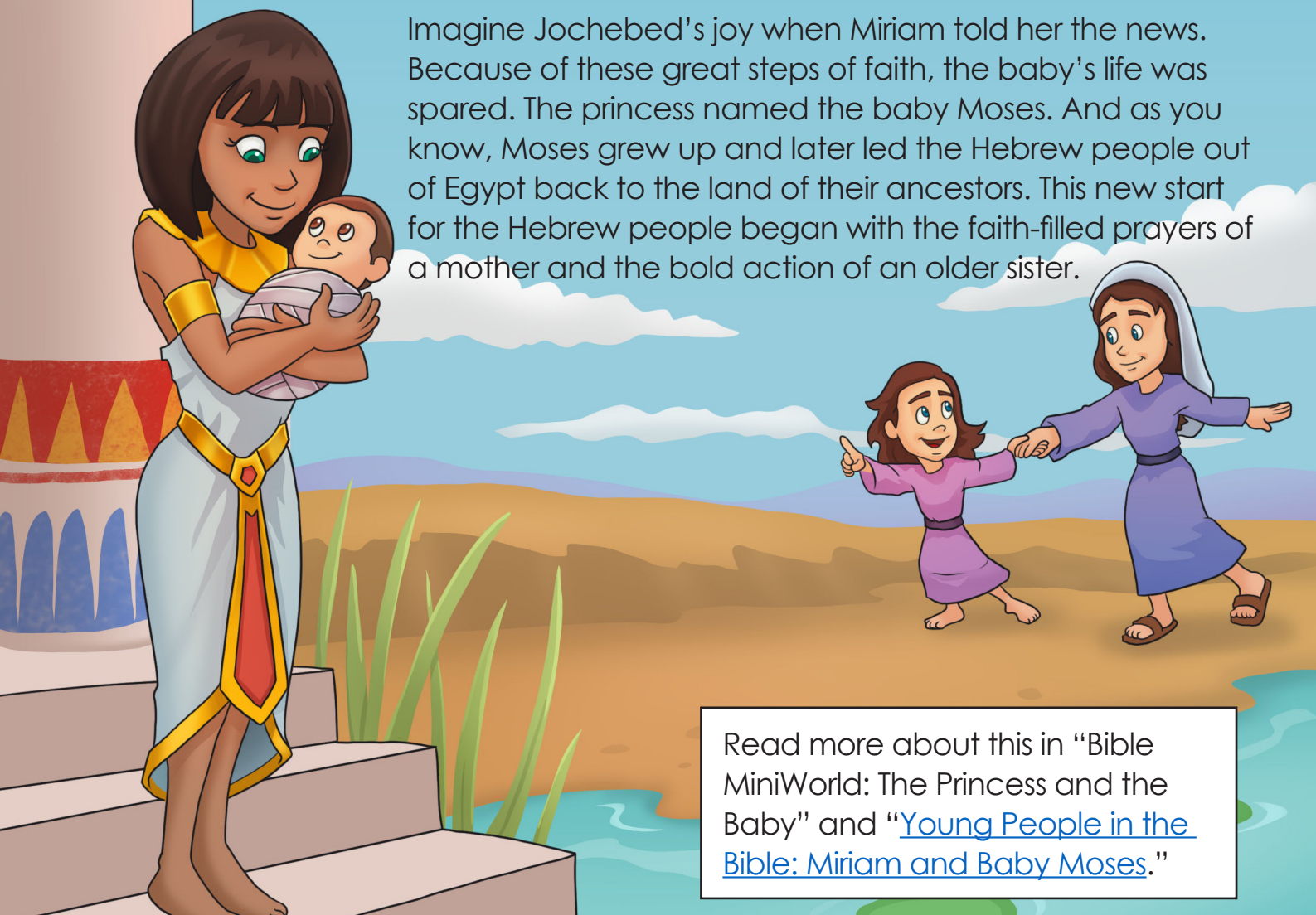
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Jochebed and her daughter, Miriam
Read Exodus 2:1–10.



The basket floated downriver to where Pharaoh's daughter was washing. She was delighted to discover a baby boy inside!

Miriam boldly approached the princess and offered to find a woman to care for the baby. That took courage to do, knowing the Pharaoh disliked the Hebrew people. The princess was happy to receive the help.

Imagine Jochebed's joy when Miriam told her the news. Because of these great steps of faith, the baby's life was spared. The princess named the baby Moses. And as you know, Moses grew up and later led the Hebrew people out of Egypt back to the land of their ancestors. This new start for the Hebrew people began with the faith-filled prayers of a mother and the bold action of an older sister.



Read more about this in "Bible MiniWorld: The Princess and the Baby" and "[Young People in the Bible: Miriam and Baby Moses.](#)"