

The Princess and the Baby



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One day in the land of ancient Egypt, a small basket was floating along the River Nile.

Pushed gently by the current, the basket floated near a waterfront frequented by an Egyptian princess.



Soon the little basket came to rest at the foot of a set of stairs.

A servant girl curiously approached the basket.



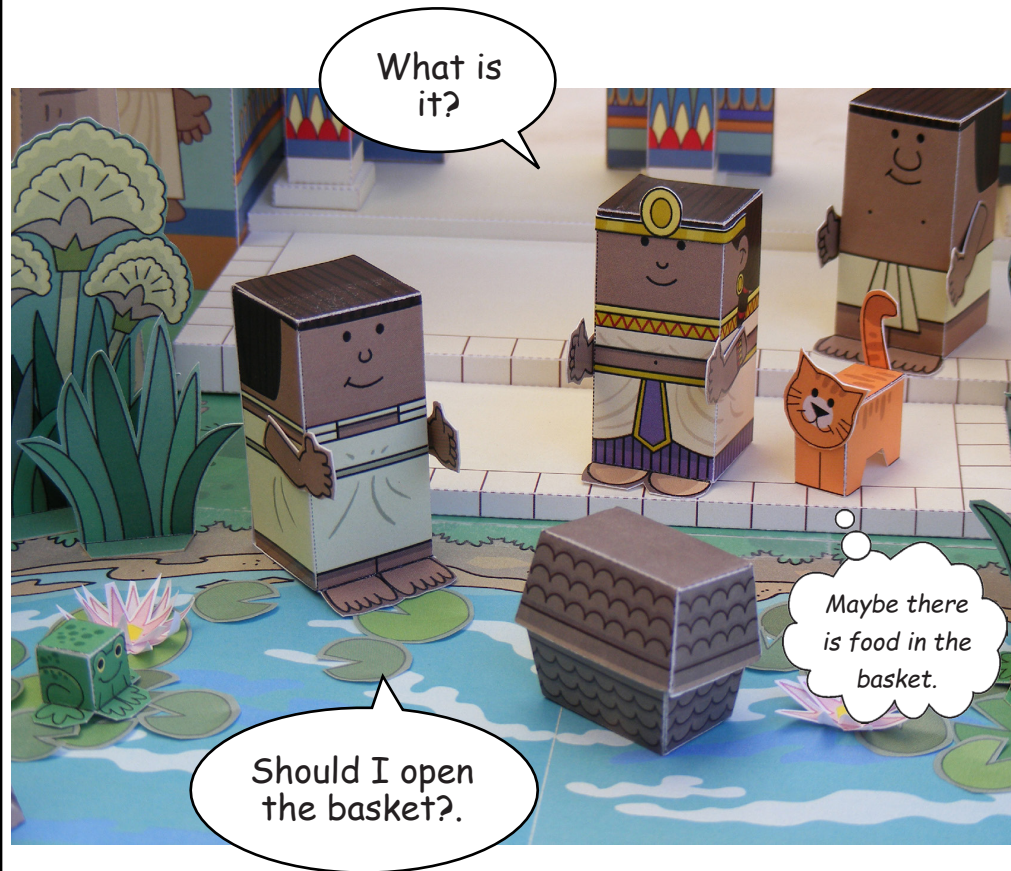
This story is based on the Bible account in Exodus 1:8 through 2:10.

The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt and had to do hard labor for their Egyptian masters, such as making bricks and building the Egyptians' palaces.

The Hebrew population was increasing rapidly as new babies were born. The Pharaoh of Egypt feared that the Hebrew slaves were becoming too numerous and would one day revolt. Therefore, he ordered that all newborn Hebrew boys be thrown into the river.

"How unusual," said the princess to her servant girl.

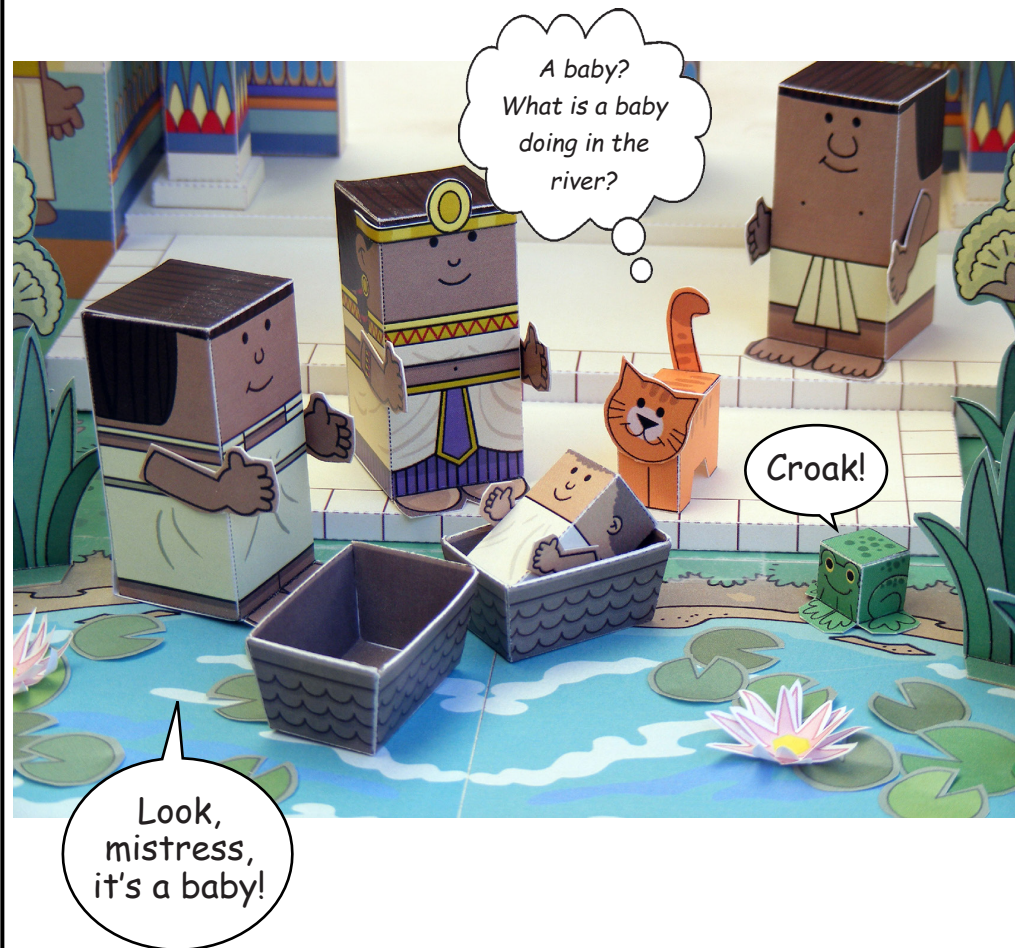
"I think there is something in the basket, mistress," said the servant girl. "I hear crying. Maybe it's a small animal."



Meanwhile, hidden among the reeds, a young girl watched. She was a Hebrew girl named Miriam, the daughter of Hebrew slaves. She was the baby's older sister.



Slowly, with great care, the servant girl stepped into the water to get the basket. She hesitantly opened the lid and, to her great surprise, discovered a small baby.



"Look how adorable he is!" said the princess. "He's smiling at me."

"What should we call him?" asked the princess.

"Little baby," suggested the servant girl.



"No, no, no," replied the princess. "That's not a name. I will call him Moses, because I took him out of the water."

Still hidden in the reeds, Miriam looked on with great joy. "Thank You, dear God, for saving my little baby brother!"



"Now," said the princess, "we must find somebody to feed and care for this baby."

Young Miriam quickly came out from hiding in the reeds. "I can find a Hebrew nurse to care for the baby, mistress," said Miriam.



Soon Miriam returned with her mother, Jochebed, and the princess asked Jochebed to care for baby Moses.

"I want you to care for this baby for me," said the princess. "His name is Moses. Please come daily to help me at the palace."



What a wonderful miracle of God's protection! Not only was the baby saved, but the baby's own mother was now being asked to care for him under the protection of the princess.

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For several years, Jochebed took care of baby Moses for the princess. Miriam often went with her mother to the palace to help care for her little brother.

The princess was kind to Jochebed and loved her adopted son, Moses, very much.

Moses grew and was trained as a prince in Pharaoh's palace. One day in the future, when he was a grown man, God called him for a special mission, to save his fellow Hebrews from slavery. But that is another story. ...



The cat now had a comfy bed, and spent many happy hours playing with moses and drinking milk.

I love you, my little Moses!



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