



LESSON 3  
**BABY MOSES**

LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Sends Help to His People

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 1–2

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Pharaoh's decree to kill all male Hebrew babies threatens the life of newborn Moses. God sends help to rescue Moses, who would one day lead God's people out of slavery in Egypt.

**WORD OF WONDER:** Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. —from Deuteronomy 7:9

**CURIOSITY**

**BELIEF**

**FAITH**

- Play Stations:
  - Making Dough Baskets
  - Take Care of Baby Moses
  - Baby Moses Coloring Sheet
- Word of Wonder: Deuteronomy 7:9
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- Circle Time: Who Has Moses?
- LARGE GROUP
- Responding in Worship: Motions
- Game: Baby in a Basket



Faithful Preschool Spotify playlist



## LESSON 3 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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The book of Exodus is my favorite in the whole Bible. It's a fascinating story; it introduces us to what God's salvation looks like, and it teaches us so much about the character of God. And yet, you can also look at the book of Exodus and wonder why God allowed His people to suffer for so long. Did they really have to be slaves?

Sometimes I look at the world around us or situations in my own life, and I wonder why. Why do people suffer? Why doesn't God step in and fix what I'm going through?

As you prepare to lead kids through this lesson, some of them may wonder the same thing. You might know some of their life situations and wonder along with them—why has God allowed this?

I don't know that we'll get the answers we want from God. But what I do know is God is always faithful to send His help. Exodus 2 says that God heard the groaning of His people "and was concerned about them" (Exodus 2:25, NIV). He knew it was time to act.

God is always on time. He is faithful to help His people when we call to Him. Pray for the kids you'll be leading through this lesson—that they would see His faithfulness as He sends help to His people.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

Moses' older sister was named Miriam. Along with their brother, Aaron, she played a large role in helping Moses lead Israel out of slavery in Egypt. After crossing the Red Sea, Miriam led worship and was called a prophet (Exodus 15:20–21).

**WHAT?**

Joseph and his family had all died, and many generations had passed. Pharaoh was afraid of the growing Hebrew population. He ordered that all Hebrews be put under slave drivers and all male Hebrew babies be murdered. Baby Moses was saved by God through an Egyptian princess.

**WHERE?**

This passage mainly takes place in Egypt within the land of Goshen. Goshen is a fertile land in the northeastern part of the country where the Nile runs into the Nile Delta, then out to the Mediterranean Sea. The Red Sea is just to the southeast.

**WHEN?**

Moses was born many years after Joseph and his brothers had died in Egypt, perhaps several centuries. After his birth in Exodus 2, Moses grew up and fled to Midian after killing an Egyptian. In Exodus 3, Moses encountered God at the burning bush and was sent to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

**CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY**

God worked through Moses to deliver Israel from slavery in Egypt. Years later, Jesus, the Messiah, accomplished an even greater deliverance, saving people from sin and death. This salvation reaches to the ends of the earth, available to all who call on Jesus' name.



Curiosity

Belief

Faith

Identity

## LESSON 3 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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### Play Stations

**SUPPLIES:** modeling dough or play dough, baby dolls, baby doll accessories (toys, bottles, clothes, blankets, etc.), basket for baby doll, coloring utensils, kid-friendly dough sculpting tools (optional)

**RESOURCES:** [Baby Moses Coloring Sheet \(1 per kid\)](#)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

**"Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today?"**

#### Play Station: Making Dough Baskets

**Set-up:** Set out modeling dough or play dough. You can also set out kid-friendly dough sculpting tools.

**Play:** Encourage kids to shape and sculpt the dough to create a basket. If they know the story of Moses, encourage them to create other elements from the story like a baby, the Nile, or Pharaoh's daughter.

#### Play Station: Take Care of Baby Moses

**Set-up:** Set out baby dolls with toys, accessories, and a basket.

**Play:** Let kids take care of the pretend "Baby Moses" by feeding the doll, dressing it, and putting it in the basket.

#### Play Station: Baby Moses Coloring Sheet

**Set-up:** Print one copy per kid of the Coloring Sheet. Set out the Coloring Sheets and coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw a picture of a river.

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

### WORD OF WONDER

Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God.

—from Deuteronomy 7:9

**Leader Tip:** If you have a large group, have the kids get into groups of five.

**"We're going to practice giving help and receiving help from each other while we say our Word of Wonder this week. As you're helping your friends, remember how God loves to help us, His people!**

**First, let's all say the Word of Wonder together. One, two three: "Know that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. From Deuteronomy 7:9." Excellent! Let's practice helping each other learn the Word of Wonder. I'm going to whisper the first word into someone's ear, and then that person will help the next person by whispering it into her ear, and this will continue until we all say the Word of Wonder!**

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. Whisper the first word of the Word of Wonder into one kid's ear. Ask him to help his neighbor by whispering the word into her ear. Continue until everyone has helped the next person by sharing the Word of Wonder.

**Thank you for your help, everyone! I hope this activity will help you remember how much God helps us. Let's practice our Word of Wonder with our motions next."**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **KNOW THAT**—Point to your head.
- **THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD.**—Point up and then bring that hand to your heart.
- **HE IS THE FAITHFUL GOD.**—Give two thumbs-up.
- **FROM DEUTERONOMY 7:9**—Hold your hands together in front, palms together, as if opening a book.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How has God shown us that He is faithful?**
- **What helps you to know that God is faithful?**

## God's Big Story / Snack

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the book of Exodus in the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found.

### Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

**I open my Bible and what do I see?** (*Hands together then opening palms up, like opening a book.*)

**God's big story, waiting for me!** (*Point to yourself.*)

**Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Exodus in the Bible.**

**Read pages 60–65 in the [Laugh and Grow Bible](#).**

## Circle Time: Who Has Moses?"

**SUPPLIES:** baby doll, basket, paper, scissors (prep only), writing utensil

**RESOURCES:** music from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Ahead of time, cut paper into six pieces and write numbers 1–6 on the pieces, with each number corresponding with a discussion question. Then fold the pieces in half and place them in the basket.

Invite kids to sit in a circle again with the question basket in the middle. **"To see which question we're going to answer, we're going to play a game. When the music starts, I'll hand someone a baby doll that we'll pretend is Baby Moses. You'll keep passing the baby around the circle to the right as long as the music is playing. When the music stops, whoever has Moses will choose a question from the basket and hand it to me to read. Ready? Let's go!"**

Play music from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and stop it at random times. Encourage the kids to pass the baby doll when the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the baby doll will pick a question from the basket. Each time someone picks a number from the basket, read the corresponding question. If you have more than six kids in your group, the kids can put their questions back and you can re-use them.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **To protect him from Pharaoh, what did Moses' mother do?** (*put him in a basket in the river*)
- **How did God help Baby Moses and his family when Pharaoh's daughter pulled him out of the Nile?** (*God used Moses' sister to bring his mother to Pharaoh's daughter.*)
- **What would Moses do later in his life?** (*lead the people out of Egypt*)
- **How did God show His faithfulness to Moses?**
- **Where have you seen God's help in your life?**
- **How can we remember that God is faithful when we experience tough times?**

**God shows His people that He is faithful by sending help at just the right moment. Just like God helped one family and a whole nation, God helps us in little things as well as big things! Let's talk to God now in prayer and thank Him for His help! "**

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and to thank God for sending us His help.

## Head to Large Group!

### Responding in Worship: Motions

**SUPPLIES:** basket, paper (optional)

**RESOURCES:** music from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) (optional)

**"To help us remember that God is faithful and helps us, we're going to ask God for help by doing some motions. Moving our bodies can help our minds remember who God is and what He does for us. Just like Moses' mother trusted in God's help when she placed her baby in the basket, we're going to show God we trust He'll help us by placing our needs in a basket."**

Set the basket in a prominent place where the kids can access it easily. You can turn down the lights and play some soft music to help kids enter a state of worship. You can also give kids a sheet of paper to hold to symbolize their need.

Allow kids some time to think of where they need God's help. Then, lead kids through several symbolic motions:

- Hands to mouth: Have kids cup their hands to their mouths and whisper a prayer asking God for help.
- Lifted hands: Kids can lift their hands up to represent giving their prayer to God and trusting Him for help.
- Basket hands: Encourage kids to make a "basket" with their hands by cupping their hands together in front of them to remember God's faithfulness and help. Invite them to walk up to the basket one at a time and "drop" their prayer into the basket to symbolize their trust in God's help.

End with some quiet time praying to God individually.

**Leader Tip:** Some kids may want to share their prayer requests. Allow them to whisper their prayers to you as an act of worship.

## Game: Baby in a Basket

**SUPPLIES:** baby doll (2), laundry basket (2), rope (2)

**In our story today, we're learning about how God helped Baby Moses when Moses was in a basket in a river. To help us remember the story and how God helps us, we're going to pretend to pull Baby Moses in a basket across a pretend river too!**

Divide the group into two equal teams. Put a baby doll in a laundry basket for each team and tie a rope to the basket. Set the teams' baskets on one side of the room and encourage the kids to line up opposite their baskets.

The kids will take turns running to their team's basket, grabbing the rope, and pulling the pretend Baby Moses in a basket across a pretend river back to where the team is lined up. Then that kid (or a leader) will pull the basket back to the other side of the room so the next kid can run down and repeat the process. Let the kids keep playing until all the kids have pulled the baby in a basket across the room.

**Leader Tip:** You can also allow kids to get into the laundry baskets (one at a time) and have a leader pull them carefully around the room.