

### 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.

**Activity: Take Care of Baby Moses**

**Activity: What's under the Basket?**

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**Activity: Can You Help Me?**

**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Take Care of Baby Moses

**SUPPLIES:** baby dolls, baby doll accessories (toys, bottles, clothes, blankets, etc.), basket, laundry basket (optional)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! Today we're going to learn about how God helps us by hearing about how God helped a little baby and his family. What do you think little babies need?** Allow the kids to respond. **Let's practice our baby-helping skills with these dolls! I'm so glad we can help others like God helps us.**

Set out baby dolls, accessories, and the basket. Encourage kids to feed, wash, dress, and rock the baby dolls. You can also let the kids get into the laundry basket and sit or lie down while a leader carefully pulls them around the room.

## Activity: What's under the Basket?

**SUPPLIES:** baskets (at least 4, various sizes), variety of toys or toddler-safe objects

Before kids arrive, place toys and objects underneath the baskets throughout the room.

**In our story today, we'll learn about a basket that held something very unusual. I have several baskets in the room right now. Let's go see what's under them!**

Allow kids to explore what's underneath the baskets. Encourage them to lift the baskets and examine the objects underneath.

**We'll learn more about that today and find out from the Bible how God used a basket to help people.**

**Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD SENDS HELP TO HIS PEOPLE.****

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

- **GOD**—Point up.
- **SENDS**—Point out.
- **HELP**—Bring one fist into the palm of your other hand.
- **TO HIS PEOPLE**—Spread your hands wide in front of you to signify all.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today we're learning how God sends help to His people.**

**We'll learn in God's big story how God sends us help just when we need it most.**

Play songs from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, blue sheet or butcher paper, baby doll, basket, plants (optional), Bible costumes (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#), River Sound Effect (optional)

**Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Moses.** Encourage the kids to say, "Moses." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Moses!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.

Ahead of time, lay a blue sheet or butcher paper on the ground in a winding pattern, as if it were the Nile River, on one side of the room. Before you begin, select three volunteers (leaders or youth leaders) to act in the scenes along the Nile: Moses' mother putting the baby doll and basket in the water, Miriam watching the basket, and the king's daughter finding the basket. Station the characters at three intervals along the "river," with Moses' mother first, Miriam second, and the king's daughter third. Encourage them to act out the scene as you describe it in God's Big Story. You can use Bible time costumes, potted plants, and river sounds to set the scene of floating down the Nile.

**Today to learn about God's Big Story, we're going to take a trip down the Nile!** Walk the kids to the "river" on the floor.

As you are walking, say: **God had promised His people, sometimes called the Hebrews, a home. The Hebrews ended up living in a country called Egypt for a long time. Then, the king of Egypt became afraid of the Hebrews because there were so many of them. So he decided to get rid of every Hebrew baby boy.**

Have the group "float" down the river and pause in front of Moses' mother. **At this time, a Hebrew woman had a baby boy. To save him, the boy's mother made a basket that would float in the water and placed her son in it. She set the basket in the Nile River.**

"Float" down the river and pause in front of Miriam. **While the baby's mother was doing this, his older sister Miriam watched to see what would happen to her brother.** Pretend to "float" down the river toward Pharaoh's daughter. **Just then, the king's daughter came to the river. She saw the basket floating and opened it to find the baby! She wanted to help.**

Have "Miriam" and "Moses' mother" join the scene. **The baby's older sister came to the king's daughter and offered to get someone to take care of the baby. The king's daughter agreed, so his sister ran home and brought back her mother. The king's daughter asked the woman to take care of her baby. God sent help to the baby and his family just when they needed it most.**

"Float" down the rest of the river and say: **This was Moses! God saved him and had a great plan for his life. God would use him later to save God's people! God cares for His people. When they need it, God sends help to His people.**

## Prayer and Blessing

**Let's talk to God. God, thank You so much for sending Your help just when we need it most. When we have to do hard things, we trust that You will help us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you see God's faithfulness in your life. May you trust that God will help you because He loves you. Amen.

## Activity: Can You Help Me?

**SUPPLIES:** various objects and toys (about 10)

**God sent help for Moses, and God helps us too! Sometimes God uses other people to send His help to us. Let's play a game where we practice helping each other!**

Disperse an assortment of toys and objects around the room. Stand in the middle with the basket and ask, "Can you help me find \_\_\_\_?" and say one of the objects/toys. Invite the kids to help by bringing you the item and putting it in the basket.

**Leader Tip:** You can ask for some of the objects/toys that are hidden under the baskets from the earlier activity to make it more challenging.