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A Baby in a Basket

Exodus 2:1-10



YOUR BIBLE READING

Compassion and courageous care helped protect baby Moses.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Basket Among the Reeds

Exodus 2:1-10



A man and woman from the family of Levi had a baby boy. His mother saw that he was a fine child and kept him hidden for three months. The account begins with her care for this small child. He could not protect, feed, or hide himself. Adults had to act for him. Eventually his mother could no longer keep him hidden, and she prepared another way to shelter him.

She took a basket made from papyrus, a plant that grew near water. She coated it with tar and pitch so that water would not come through. A basket woven from plant material needed that protection. The story gives this practical detail before describing what she did next. She put her baby into the prepared basket, making the container a place for him rather than leaving him directly in the water.

His mother placed the basket among the reeds beside the riverbank. It was not described as floating away down the river. His sister stood at a distance and watched to see what would happen. The family had not simply forgotten him there. His sister's watching would become important when someone discovered the basket. For now, she stayed nearby while the baby lay among the reeds at the water's edge.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to bathe. Her attendants walked along the riverside. She noticed the basket among the reeds and sent a servant to fetch it. The account does not give the daughter a personal name. It identifies her by her place in Pharaoh's family. She was about to see the child whose mother had carefully prepared the basket and whose sister was still watching from a distance.

Remember: A vulnerable child deserves compassion and care.

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The Child Is Given Care

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Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket and saw a crying baby. She recognized him as one of the Hebrew children and felt compassion for him. The story names her response clearly: she pitied the child. The important thing before her was a baby who needed care. The account does not tell us the words of her attendants or describe a crowd gathering around the basket, so we can stay with what it does tell.

The baby's sister stepped forward with a suggestion. She asked whether she should find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for Pharaoh's daughter. When the daughter agreed, the sister went and called the baby's own mother. Her watching had led to a useful action at the right moment. She did not take over the whole responsibility herself; she brought together the adults who could provide the child with care.

Pharaoh's daughter told the woman to take the child and nurse him, and she promised payment. The mother received her baby and cared for him. This part of the account centers on feeding and protecting a young child. The baby was still dependent on other people. He did not earn their help through an achievement or a brave speech. Their actions answered the need of a child who could only cry.

When the boy grew, his mother brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, connecting the name with drawing him out of the water. His early story includes the work of his mother, the attention of his sister, the servant who fetched the basket, and the compassion of Pharaoh's daughter. Different actions came together to protect one child's life and provide the care he needed.

Pause and think: Which person’s action helps you notice an often overlooked part of caring for a child?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Notice the People Who Help



Make a simple chain of the actions in the account: preparing the basket, watching, fetching, noticing the crying child, calling his mother, and providing care. Which people take part? Some are named only by their role, but their actions still matter. You can use pictures or arrows to show how one helpful step makes room for the next without adding imagined words to the story.

Children need dependable adults. Think about the people you can turn to if you need help: a caregiver, a teacher, or another adult your family trusts. Knowing who they are is more useful than trying to solve every problem alone. If one adult does not understand, another safe adult may be able to help you explain what is happening and what you need.

The basket scene is a rescue story, not a safe activity to copy. Rivers and water edges require adult guidance. You can explore the building idea safely by drawing the basket or making a model on a dry table. As you work, notice that caring often includes practical preparation as well as kind feelings. Both are visible in the way this child receives help.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Several people’s watchful and compassionate actions help protect the baby who is named Moses.

Which person’s action helps you notice an often overlooked part of caring for a child?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Where was the basket placed?

2. Who was called to nurse the baby?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- [ ] His mother nursed him before he joined Pharaoh's daughter's household.
- [ ] Pharaoh's daughter found him and felt compassion.
- [ ] The mother placed her baby in a protected basket.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the basket resting among river reeds, with the sister watching from land.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

A vulnerable child deserves compassion and care.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Exodus 2:6-9

A thoughtful conversation

The basket was placed among reeds at the riverbank, not described as floating away downstream. This dangerous rescue setting is not an activity for children to imitate.

Activity answers

1. Among the reeds beside the river.
2. His own mother.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help us protect children and act with compassion.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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