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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to Your Word today.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

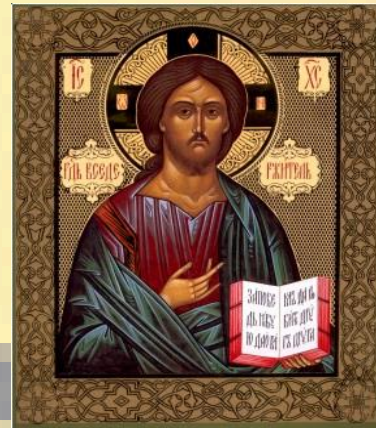
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



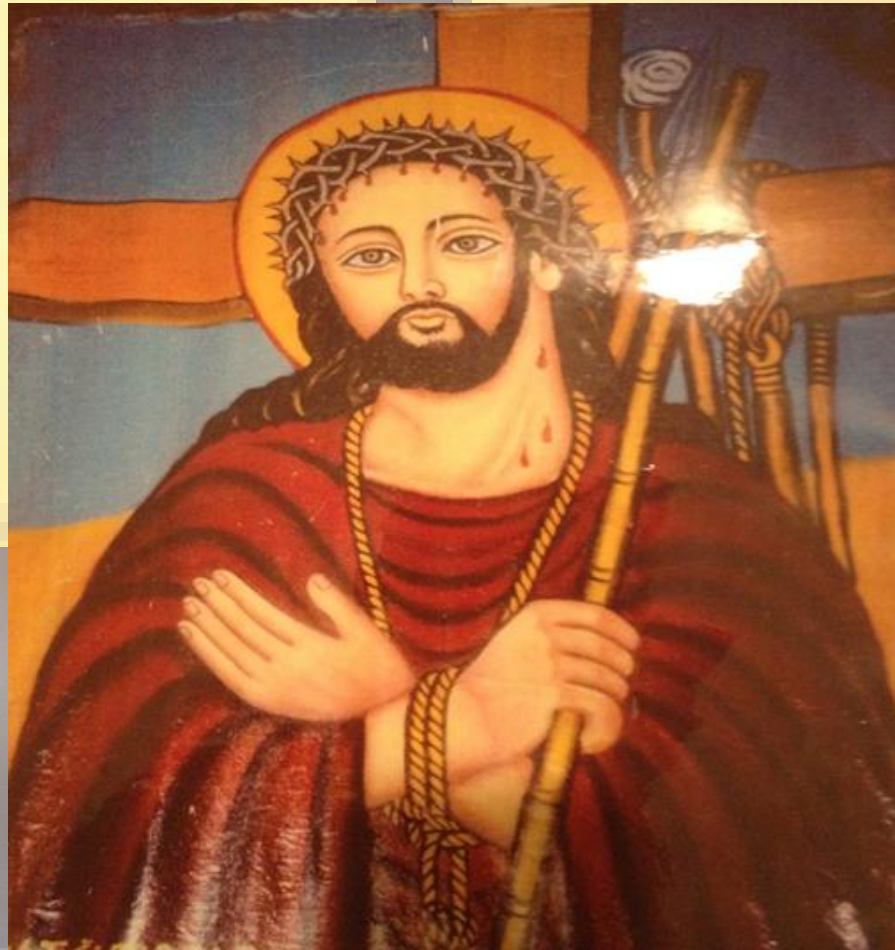
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



# Review

1. Whom did Jacob wanted to marry?
2. What did Jacob offer Laban to marry Rachel?
3. How many more years did Jacob had to work to marry Rachel?
4. Why was Laban and his sons jealous of Jacob?
5. Why didn't Laban attack Jacob after his escape?
6. What did Jacob do when he approached his home?
7. Who wrestled Jacob all night?
8. What did the man do to Jacob at the end?
9. What did Jacob ask the man when he asked to leave?
10. Jacob's name changed to \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_
11. Did Jacob and Esau fight when they see each other again?

# MEMORY VERSE

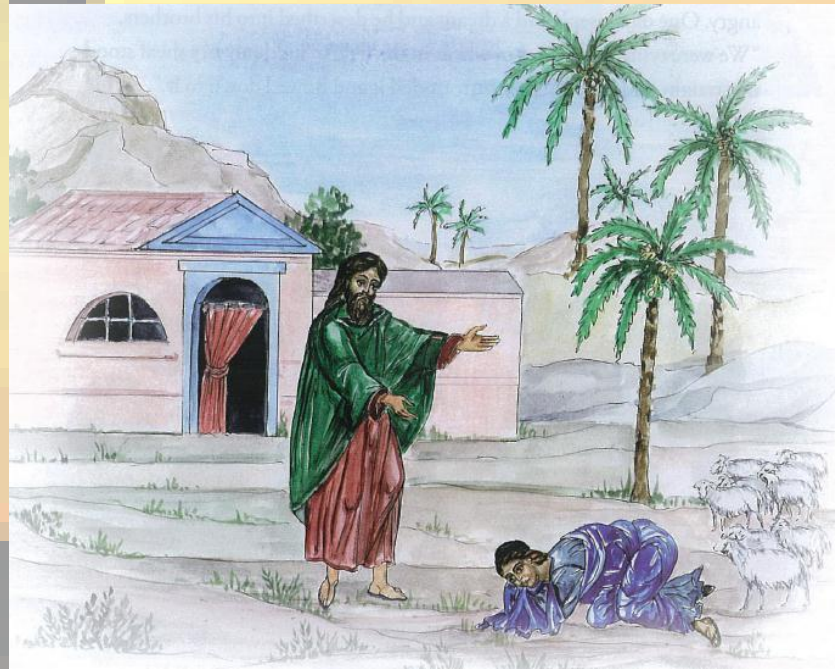
**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**



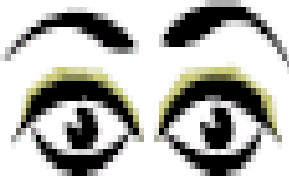


# Recite Last week's memory verse

Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without  
which no one will see the Lord."

HEBREWS 12:14



# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# The birth of Moses



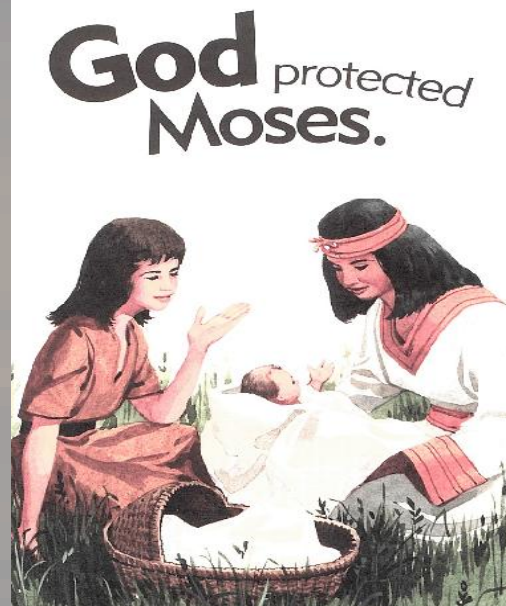
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# Memory Verse

- "His name is Moses because I drew him out of water" (Exodus 2:10)

## References

Exodus 1-2



# Objective

- To understand God's plan for Moses and name some things that are part of God's plan for us right now.
- To learn that God's promises are always true and that He takes care of us even if we don't ask as God took care of the baby Moses and made him a prophet.

# Introduction

- God took care of Moses in a special way because God had an important work for him to do.
- Moses was chosen by God and he had a plan for him, even though he grew up in the palace of the pharaoh.

Joseph was dead! All Egypt shared his family's sadness. God had used Joseph the Hebrew to save the country from famine. He was a wise and beloved leader. Now he was gone.

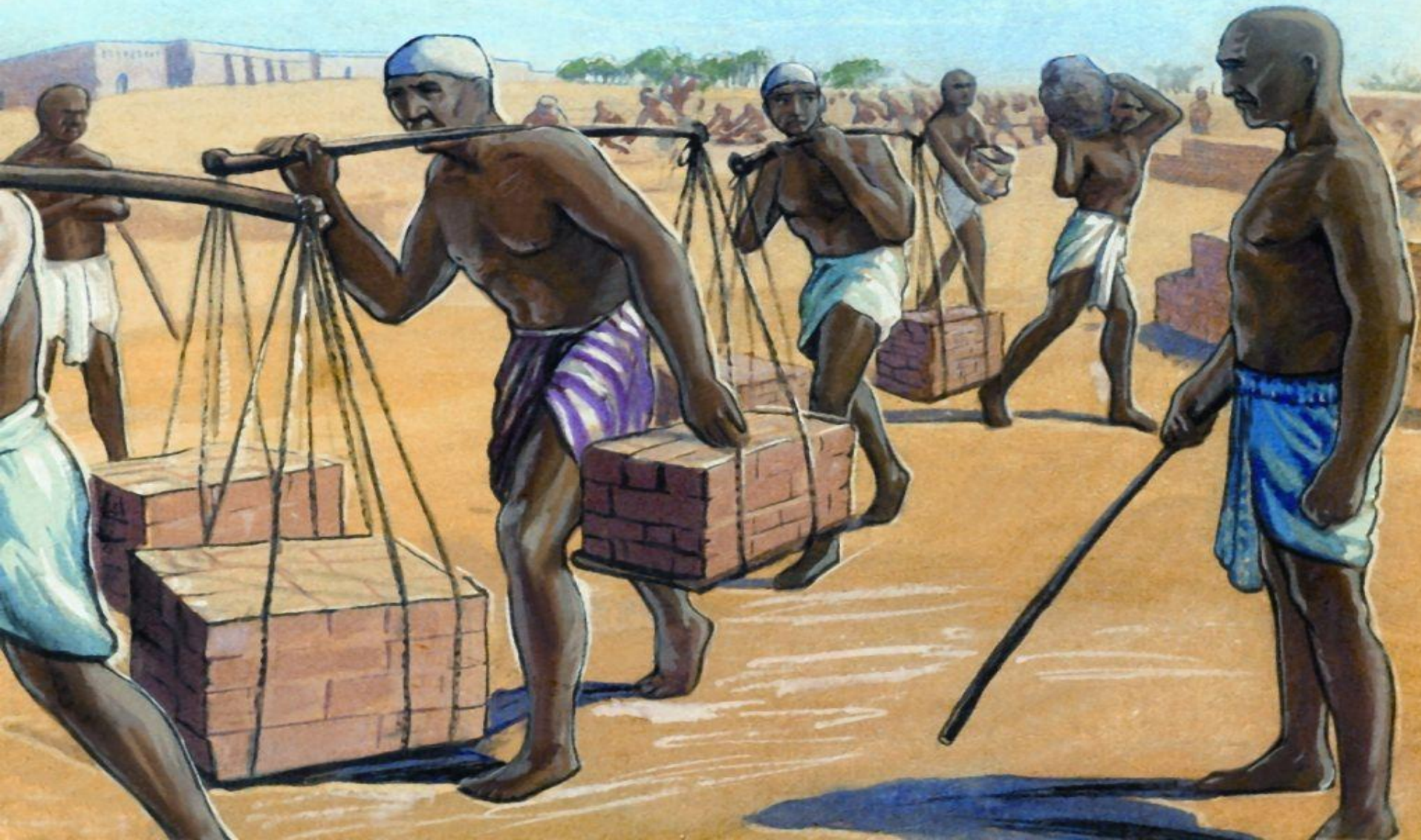


Over Three hundred long years passed. Joseph's people, the Hebrews (Israelites) had become a might race within Egypt. The new Pharaoh in town, saw the great number of Israelites living in his land. "Look," he said to his own people, "there are too many of them and they are growing stronger than we are. We must do something to stop them."





Pharaoh did not like how powerful the Israelites were growing. He feared they might turn against him, and so he did something terrible. He made the Israelites become his slaves.



He made them work very hard, making bricks and building great cities.



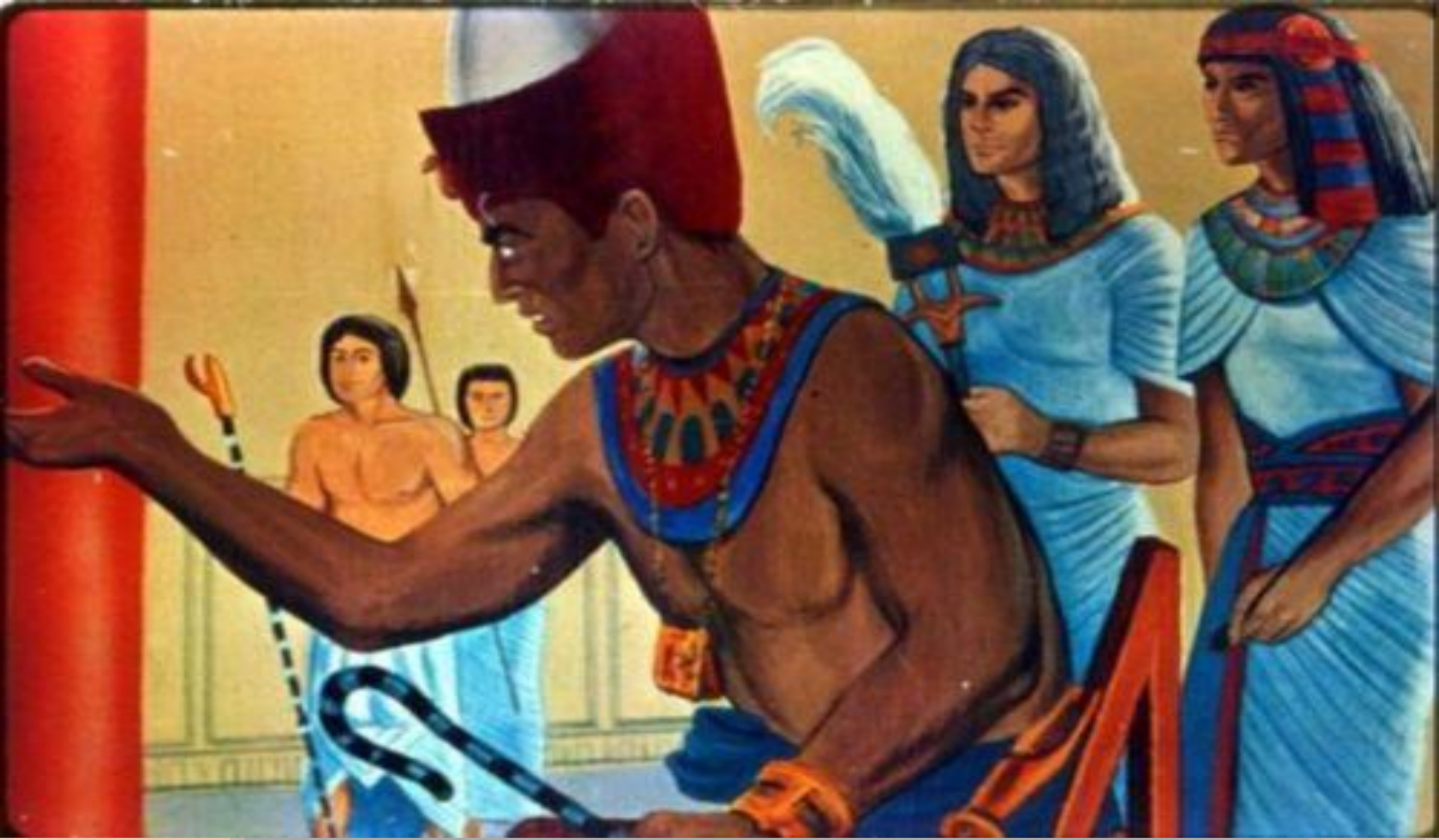
Since Pharaoh still feared the Israelites he gave orders to kill all of the Hebrew boy babies.



But even though Pharaoh was mean and cruel to God's people, more and more babies were born into Israelite families. The midwives (nurses) would not kill them for they feared God.



And even in their time of trouble, God was working out His plan and promise to make the Israelites a strong and special nation. When Pharaoh saw what was happening, he thought of a cruel way to get rid of the Israelites.



He made a rule that every baby boy born in any Israelite family must be thrown into the Nile River to drown.





**Why do you think Pharaoh, the king of Egypt is killing all the boy babies?**

**The wicked Pharaoh was determined to reduce the number of Hebrews.**

Now every Israelite mother and father asked in fear, "What will we do if our baby is a boy? How can we keep him safe?" During this dreadful time, a fine baby boy was born to Israelite parents, and they loved him very much.





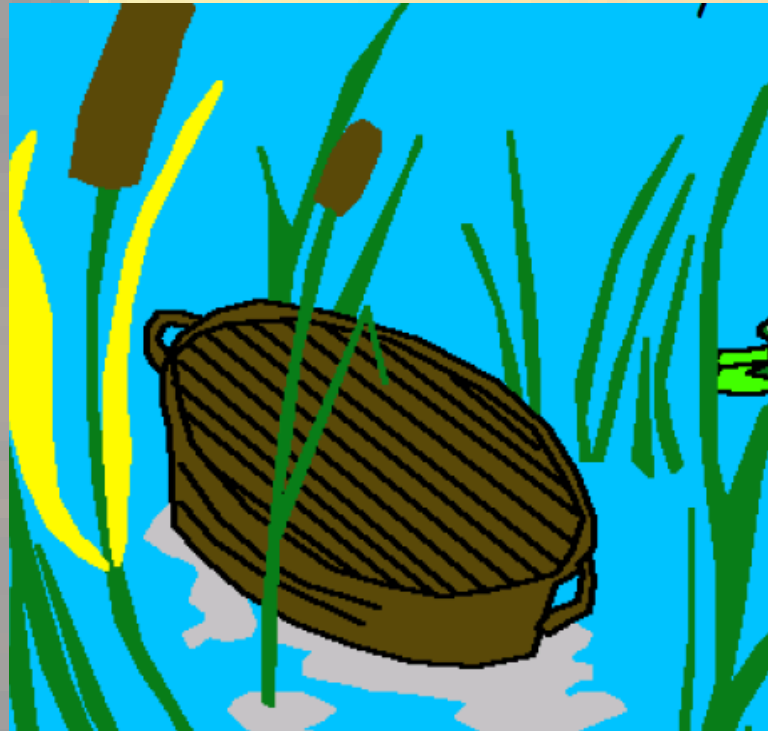
His mother decided to hide him so that the Egyptian soldiers would not come and get him. She kept his birth a secret and hid him away from neighbors as long as she could. But as time passed, his cries grew louder and he started to laugh and coo, and the mother knew she couldn't keep him hidden any longer.

What could she do? God helped the baby's mother think of a wonderful plan to save her baby.

They decided to put the baby in the river Nile. But he would be inside a basket. Mom covered the outside with tar so that water could not leak into it. The basket would be warm and dry for the baby.



The small basket boat floated among the reeds. Whatever would happen to the tiny baby?



The baby's sister, Miriam, stood nearby to watch over her tiny brother.



Suddenly Pharaoh's daughter and her servants came to the river to bathe. The princess saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it.



When Pharaoh's daughter opened it, she saw the lovely baby and he began to cry. She felt sorry for the little boy. "This is one of the Israelite babies," she said gently.



“Poor little thing. You are so beautiful.” Probably Pharaoh’s daughter talked to the baby the way many grown-ups do.



Miriam saw all that had taken place. She stepped forward and asked, "Shall I go and call one of the Israelite women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go find a nurse," the princess said. How full of joy Miriam must have been as she ran home to get her mother!





Miriam went to her mother and said “Mother! Come quickly! Oh, hurry!” Perhaps Miriam didn’t have time to explain. Together, the two raced back down to the river.



Back at the river, Pharaoh's daughter held out the baby. "Nurse him for me. I will pay you."



So the mother took home her own baby boy and took care of him for Pharaoh's daughter. The parents taught him to love God and the Hebrew people.

When the child grew older, she brought him to the princess and he became her son. "His name is Moses (which means drawn out)," she said, "because I saved him from the waters of the Nile.



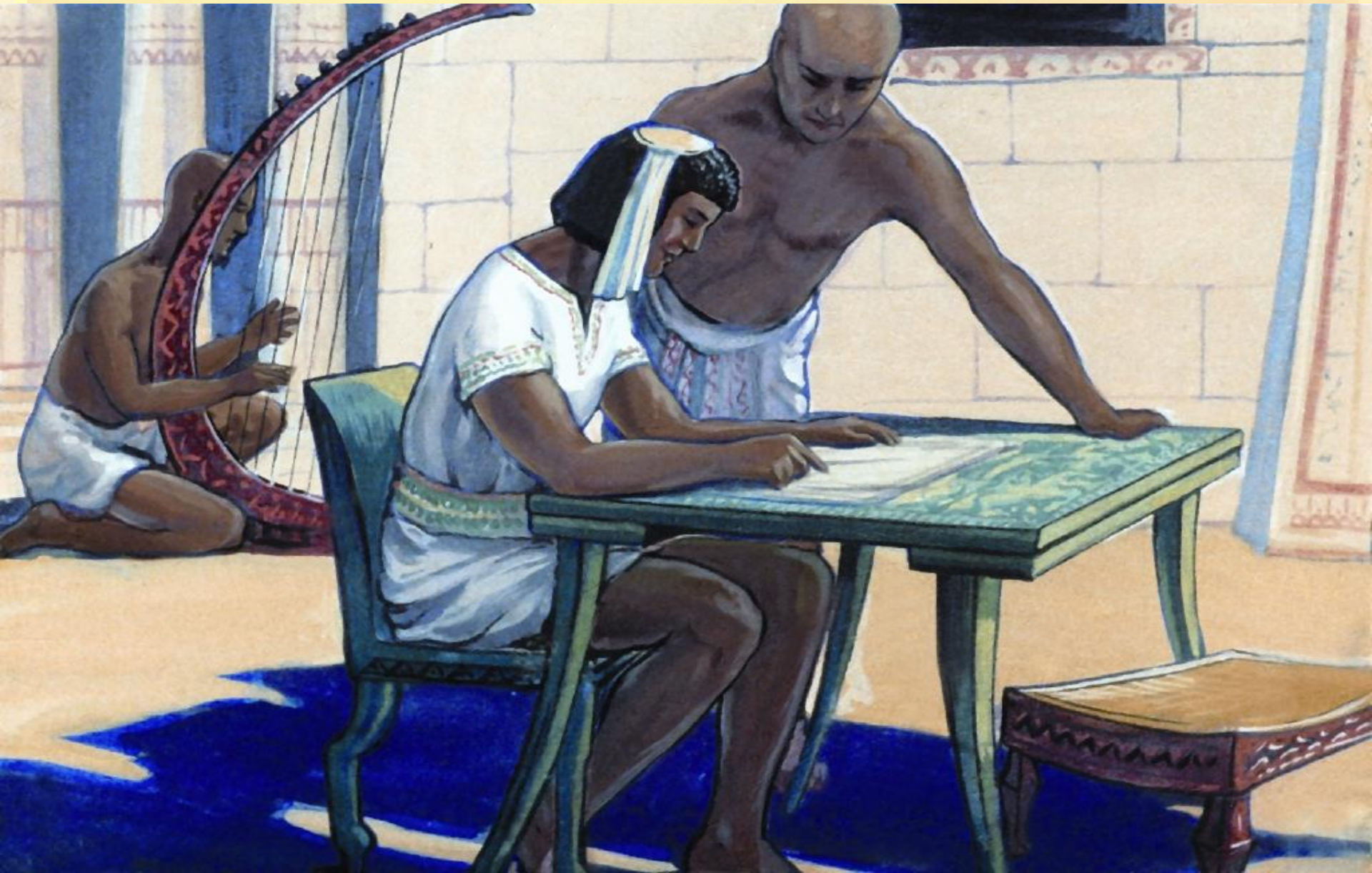
But that is not the end of the story. In fact, it is just the beginning! God had a plan for baby Moses. God needed a leader for his people, the Israelites, and in his perfect plan he had chosen Moses to be that leader.



What was God's plan for Moses?... To lead the Israelites. So God saved Moses from death in a wonderful way and brought him to the palace of Pharaoh. There God continued to prepare him to carry out his plan to lead the Israelites. Isn't God wonderful! Moses was highly trained in the culture of the Egyptians.



He was educated to the highest standard.



Moses grew to manhood in the Palace. At the age of forty, he went to see his people, the Israelites. They were forced to work as slaves. Moses saw a fellow Hebrew being attacked.





So Moses killed the Egyptian, when no one was looking and hid his body in the sand.



When Moses stopped two Hebrews fighting, one of them said;  
“Do you intend to kill me also?”



The Pharaoh sought to kill Moses as result of what Moses did.



After that he was afraid for his own life, so Moses escaped to the desert and went to Midian.



# Conclusion

**God watched over Baby Moses and  
God watches over you too.**

**Have Faith in God even when it's hard  
or dangerous.**

**God cares for us more than we care  
for ourselves.**

# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



## Questions

**Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites?**

**Why did Pharaoh order the nurses to kill the Israelite baby boys?**

**Where did the mother place Moses her son?  
Who was guarding the child?**

**Who found the Israelite baby in a basket floating in the water?**

## Questions

**What was Pharaoh's daughter doing at the edge of the river?**

**How did Pharaoh's daughter feel about Moses?**

**Where was Moses brought up?  
Who nursed him?**

**How did Moses know the Lord or who taught him about God?**

**What does the word, "Moses" mean?**



## Questions (True or False)

- 1. The Egyptians were afraid of the children of Israel, so they were really nice to them.**
- 2. Now Moses' sister "stood afar off, to know what would be done to him."**
- 3. "Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river."**
- 4. Moses' sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women?"**
- 5. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "No!"**

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about the  
The Burning Bush.



## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Take Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)



Any question?

Close with prayer.

