

The Birth of Moses: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: I am safe in God's care.

SuperVerse: *It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.* Hebrews 11:23 (NLT)

Bible Story: Exodus 1:1–22; 2:1–10

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

In our new video, we will meet a young girl who loved and protected her baby brother in some very creative ways! Then we'll check in with Chris, Joy and Gizmo to see what they're up to.

- In Bible times, young Miriam is helping her family as they struggle to hide her baby brother from the Egyptians. In modern times, Joy is ready to go to the waterpark when she learns that her parents are helping with a community outreach.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to ancient Egypt. When Pharaoh decrees that all boy Hebrew infants must be thrown into the Nile, Moses' parents hide him at home, then put him in a floating basket on the river. Pharaoh's daughter discovers and adopts the baby, then Miriam arranges for their own mother to become his nurse. The children learn to seek God's plan.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: No Sinking Allowed! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to waterproof Moses' basket.

- Moses' mother covered the basket with tar or pitch, making it waterproof so it would float. This is what our game is based on.

Game Instructions:

- Players from both teams will travel in various ways to a team basket several feet away. The players will then glue a "tar" strip on the basket to "waterproof" it. The first team to completely waterproof their basket wins.

Teaching: Saved and Sealed! (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how Jesus gives us salvation.

- God loved Moses so much that He provided a basket to keep him safe. God loved Noah so much that He designed an ark to save Him. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to Earth to die for us, to forgive our sins, and to save us!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)

- The craft is the "I Am" Wheel Page. The challenge is to complete #1 and #2 on the wheels.

SuperVerse: Superbook Cover-up (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Pharaoh gave the wicked command to throw baby boys into the river, Moses' parents fearlessly disobeyed. Instead, they trusted God and hid their baby from Pharaoh for 3 months.
- "Hide" one word at a time of the verse on the board by holding up the index card to cover it, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word is hidden.

Prayer: Care Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God has no limits in how He can care for us and keep us safe.
- Let's silently tell God about any fears, asking Him to help us trust in Him no matter what happens. Finally, let's ask Him to seal us with the Holy Spirit, filling us with His power to follow Him and make wise choices, to give us strength to resist temptation, and to keep us protected and safe.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Experiment: Perform an experiment to determine which objects float in the water.

| Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Cup Game: Play a game to hide and reveal Moses! | Grades 1–6 | 15 min

Maze Activity: Trace the safest routes for baby Moses to float to the princess. | Grade 1–3 | 10 min

Bible Activity: Unscramble words from verses about God's care for His people. | Grades 4–6 | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Basket Game Pattern—4 sheets
- Cardstock—Eight sheets
- Black construction paper—Five 9 x12 sheets
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue sticks—two or three
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Table

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Woven Basket—like a picnic or wicker basket (or use the image provided)
- Ark Image
- Basket Image
- Bike helmet or any protective helmet
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge materials:

- "I AM" Wheel Page—one per child plus extras
- Cardstock
- Children's scissors—one pair per child
- Brass roundhead paper fasteners—one per child plus extras
- Pencils

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Index card
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
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Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App