

Digging Deeper

1. Resist evil and trust God to use your effort, no matter how small it seems.

Moses' mother could not change Pharaoh's law to kill her baby boy. But she hid her baby and later placed him in a tiny papyrus basket on the river. God used her courageous acts to place her son in Pharaoh's house (Ex 2:3-4).

2. Be alert for unexpected opportunities which God gives and take advantage of them.

Miriam, the baby's sister saw that Pharaoh's daughter had discovered her baby brother. Quickly she took the initiative to suggest her mother as a nurse to care for the baby.

3. God coordinates events in order to protect and to guide his servants.

Divine providence was evident when God coordinated circumstances to protect Moses' life and to place him in the king's palace. There he received an education that would prepare him to be a leader who could lead the Israelites to the Promised Land (Ex 2:1-10).

4. Sin finds the sinner.

A person cannot hide his sins. Moses thought no one saw him kill and bury the Egyptian. But, others knew of his actions and he had to flee the country (Ex 2:12-14). Even if a person is not caught in this life, he will still face God in judgment.

5. A person, depending upon his own abilities and using human methods, cannot do God's work.

Moses tried to help God free the Hebrews from slavery by killing the Egyptians one by one. He was depending upon his force and skills (Ex 2:11-20). See Zechariah 4:6.

6. God's time schedule may be different from the desires of people.

God had promised to bring the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt (Gen 15:16; 46:3). The Israelites cried out in their slavery. God heard and was concerned; however, he waited to rescue them on his time schedule (Ex 2:23-25).

Family Activity: Interaction with Characters in Story

Interact with characters in the story with a question. What would you like to say:

- *To Pharaoh who has ordered all Hebrew baby boys to be thrown into the river?*
- *To the mother who desperately puts her baby boy in a basket and places the basket into the river?*
- *To the baby's sister who anxiously stays on the river bank and watches to see what will happen?*
- *To Pharaoh's daughter who sees the basket hidden in the reeds on the river?*

Devotional Guide

For Individuals and Families (Issue #10)

THE JOURNEY OF MOSES: A PRINCE IN EGYPT

At some point following Joseph's death, official policy toward Jacob's family turned unfriendly. Although the Bible does not detail exactly what developed, the book of Exodus opens with the Israelites living as slaves. Over four centuries, even under conditions of harsh bondage, the Israelites have grown in number to the point that Egypt fears a slave uprising.

To slow this growth the pharaoh ordered the murder of all newborn Hebrew boys. (As a rule, the book of Exodus refers to the Israelites as "Hebrews," the same name as their language.

To protect baby Moses, his sister Miriam hid him in a small basket that she floated among reeds in the Nile River. It was there, at the water's edge, that he was discovered by, of all people, the pharaoh's daughter. The princess persuaded her father to let her raise the child in the palace, so that Moses was part of the royal circle the first 40 years of his life. Yet he learned early about his origins, so that despite his privileged position, he maintained a heart for his people. One day he became angry at a taskmaster who was mistreating some Hebrew slaves. Moses reacted by killing the man.

When his role in the slaying was discovered, Moses fled from Egypt and took refuge in the wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula. There he married and spent another 40 years living as a nomadic shepherd.

Journey Through the Bible
Journey to a Better Family

Mile Marker
Exodus 1-2

EXODUS 1-2 DISCUSSION

1. What did the king of Egypt order to be done to the Hebrew baby boys? Exodus 1:16
2. What did the midwives do when the king commanded them to kill any newborn boys? Exodus 1:17
3. Who was the baby found by Pharaoh's daughter in an ark of bulrushes floating in the river? Exodus 2:1-10
4. Why did Moses' mother hide him for three months and then put him in an ark of bulrushes by the river's brink? Exodus 1:22; 2:1-10
5. Where did Pharaoh's daughter find the baby Moses in his ark of bulrushes? Exodus 2:1-10
6. Who watched the baby Moses as he floated in the ark of bulrushes at the river? Exodus 2:1-10
7. Please name Moses' older sister who watched him from a distance when he floated in the ark at the edge of the river. Exodus 2:1-4; Numbers 26:59
8. Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses. Who nursed the child for her? Exodus 2:7-10
9. How did Moses' older sister help him when he was very young? Exodus 2:1-10 Where was Moses born? Exodus 2:1-10
10. What is the relationship among these three Biblical characters: Numbers 26:59
Aaron, Miriam, Moses
12. What is the term used for a king in Egypt? Exodus 1:8-11
13. Why did Moses kill an Egyptian?

Moses was afraid after he killed the Egyptian. He left his home and became a shepherd for the priest of Midian, who had seven daughters. What was the name of the daughter who married Moses?

Exodus 2:21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.

GOALS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

MONDAY

- Read THE BIG STORY from page #1
- Start on "Discussion" from page #2

TUESDAY

- Complete "DISCUSSION" from page #2

WEDNESDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

THURSDAY

- Read and work on MEMORY VERSES

FRIDAY

- Use DIGGING DEEPER from page #4 as a guide for discussion.

SATURDAY

- Complete "Family Activity" from page #4

MEMORY VERSES

Psalm 106:23

Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, To turn away His wrath from destroying them.

Deuteronomy 18:15

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.