Learn by Doing

Choice Baby Moses Is Found



Reenact the story of Moses' mother hiding him in the water and Pharaoh's daughter finding him. The teacher reads the story using the script on p. 2 and directs children throughout. Adjust parts according to your group's size and the ages of the children. For a very young group, the teacher could be "Pharaoh's Daughter", or "Miriam".

1. In our story today the Lord protected baby Moses so that he could grow up to be an important leader. Who were some of the people that made sure the baby was safe? (Moses' mother, his sister, Pharaoh's daughter)
2. We are going to act out the story of how baby Moses was hidden and then found by Pharaoh's daughter.
3. Assign roles. Children will probably not notice that most of the charac-ters are women. Everyone can help to protect the precious baby! For a large group, consider doubling roles. (e.g. more brothers or sisters watching, more maidens)
4. *Optional*: help the children dress in costumes.
5. Get the children in their starting positions with Moses' family in their house on one side of the river, and Pharaoh's daughter and her maidens on the other side of the river. Act out the story using the script provided (p. 2).

Materials Needed

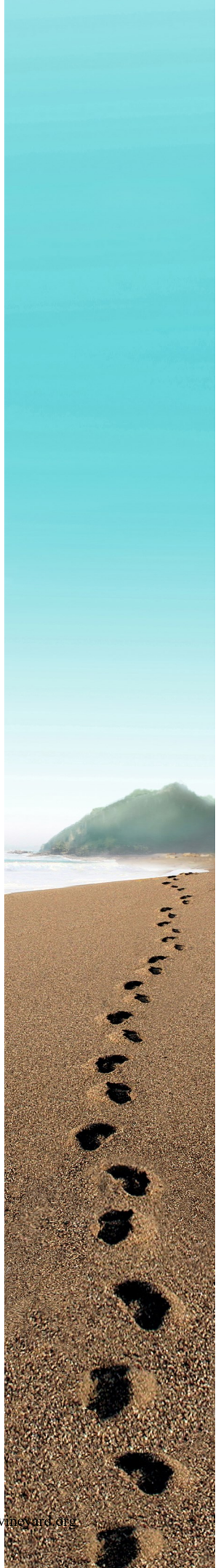
Baby Moses Is Found script, p. 2, open space for acting, blue sheet or fabric to create a river, "Moses" doll, basket; *optional*: indoor plants or green fabric for "reeds" at the river's edge, simple costumes, a "house" for Moses' family

Prepare in Advance

Set up the room with a river running through it. *Optional*: gather costumes and additional props.

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Divine Providence

Divine providence is the Divine operation in a person who has set aside love of self.... When this love has been set aside, the Lord enters with the affections of a love for the neighbor...and enables the person to see that there is a heaven. *Divine Providence* 207



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Baby Moses Is Found Script

Roles: Moses' mother and father, Moses' sister (Miriam), optional: Moses' brother Aaron, Pharaoh's daughter, Pharaoh's daughter's maids

Set-Up: Create an open space, large enough for Moses' house to be on one side and a river made from a blue sheet or towel on the other side. *Optional*: use chairs to create a house for Moses' family; create "reeds" to hide the baby using plants or green towels and sheets. Ideally, there should be something for Miriam to hide behind.

Props: Baby doll, basket, costumes.

The teacher reads the story aloud, pausing to direct the action. Start with Moses's family in their house.

Story to Read	Actions
A man of the house of Levi married a daughter of Levi. And the woman bore a son.	Moses' parents, brother (Aaron) and sister (Miriam) welcome baby Moses to their family.
And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.	Moses' mother hides him. Motions for everyone to be quiet.
And when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, and daubed it with asphalt and pitch.	Moses' mother takes the basket and pretends to daub on pitch.
She put the child in it and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.	Put Moses in the basket and place the basket at the edge of the river.
And his sister stood far away, to see what would happen to him.	Miriam watches the baby from the reeds.
Then Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside.	Pharaoh's daughter and maids walk along the river.
And when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.	Pharaoh's daughter sees the baby, and sends a maid to get him.
And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."	Pharaoh's daughter opens the basket, takes out the baby and comforts him.
Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"	Miriam comes to Pharaoh's daughter and offers to get a nurse.
And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.	Pharaoh's daughter motions her to go. Miriam runs home.
Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages."	Miriam returns with Moses' mother.
So the woman took the child and nursed him. And the child grew.	Moses' mother takes him home and cares for him with her family. [Replace doll with a child as he grows.]
And she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."	Moses' mother brings him to Pharaoh's daughter.

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