

Learn by Doing

Choice

Baby Moses Diorama

Each child will create his or her own diorama of the story of baby Moses. Very young children may manage the project more easily with a little more advance preparation, e.g. cutting out the figures, using a blue paper plate instead of a white one.

1. Give each child a white paper plate and a blue crayon. Encourage them to color the plate blue all over—like the water in the Nile River where baby Moses was hidden.
2. Give each child a paper coffee filter and a green crayon. Show the children how to make “reeds” by drawing lines from the middle of the filter toward the edges. Draw on both sides of the filter so that baby Moses will be well hidden.

3. Cut out the *Baby Moses Diorama Pictures* (p. 2). Take care not to cut off the tabs on Miriam and the reed frieze that are provided to make it easier to attach them to the plate (see picture).



4. Cut slits into the reeds, being careful not to cut too deeply and divide them into separate pieces. (See picture of the assembled project on p. 1.)
5. Tape baby Moses on to the coffee filter reeds.
6. Tape the coffee filter reeds to the paper plate.
7. Fold the tab on the reed frieze so the frieze fits around the edge of the plate. Tape the reeds to the plate underneath. Each child will need 3-4 pieces of tape.
8. Bend Miriam’s tab forwards and place her in the reeds at the edge of the plate. Tape the tab to the underside of the plate.
9. *Optional:* cover baby Moses with a small square of fabric to keep him warm.



Materials Needed for Each Child

coffee filter, white or blue paper plate, green and blue crayons, copy of *Baby Moses Diorama Pictures* p. 2, scissors, tape, *optional*: small piece of fabric to cover baby Moses

Prepare in Advance

Purchase or gather supplies listed. Print a copy of *Baby Moses Diorama Pictures* (p. 2) for each child. For young children, cutting out individual pieces and dividing tape into short segments ahead of time may be helpful.

New Church Concept 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

New Church Concept Moses

Moses represents the law of God. In a broad sense God’s law means the whole Word; in a narrower sense it means the historical section of the Word; in a restricted sense it means what was written through Moses; and in a very restricted sense it means the Ten Commandments. See *Arcana Coelestia* 6752



Baby Moses
Diorama
Pictures

