Learn by Doing

Choice Moses in a Cup



Make a small diorama of baby Moses in a basket floating on the water in the reeds.

1. In what country was baby Moses born? (Egypt)
2. Baby Moses' mother protected him by putting him in a basket among the papyrus reeds that grew on the banks of the Nile River. Aside from protecting baby Moses, what was papyrus used for? (To make the world's first "paper" or "papyrus".)
3. Papyrus was very important, because it meant that people could write down the Lord's Word. In fact, Moses himself wrote down the first five books of the Word. They are often called the "Books of Moses". So it's interesting that baby Moses was found right in the papyrus in the Nile River!
4. We are going to make a diorama of baby Moses hiding in the papyrus at the edge of the Nile.
5. Distribute supplies. Guide the children through making the project using the photo directions (p. 2).
6. As the children complete their projects remind them that baby Moses was found in the papyrus reeds, which he later used to write down the Word for the Lord.

Materials Needed for Each Child

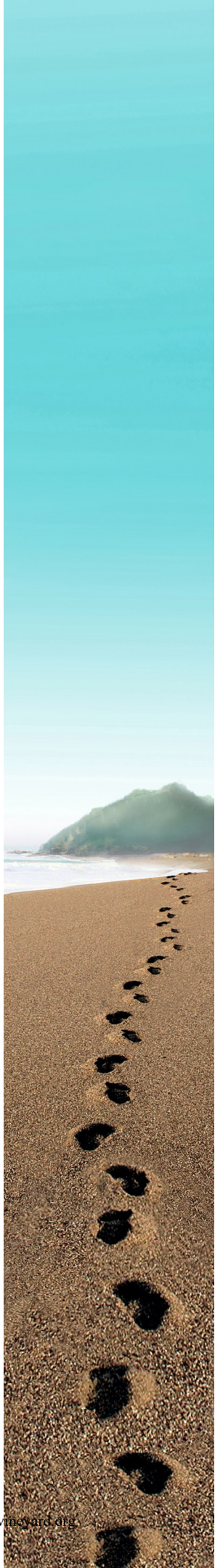
clear plastic cup; 3 green pipe cleaners; 1 black pipe cleaner; gel wax (candle making supply available in craft stores) and blue crayon to color wax, *OR* unflavored gelatin and blue food coloring (NOTE: gelatin will mold over time); fabric scraps, *Baby Moses Picture* from p. 3

Prepare in Advance

Melt gel wax in a pan on the stove (NOT microwave). Add blue crayon shavings. When slightly cooled pour into clear plastic cups so it will harden before you begin the project with the children. *OR* use unflavored gelatin. Mix according to package directions. Add blue food coloring. Allow time to gel. Each packet makes enough for 4 projects.

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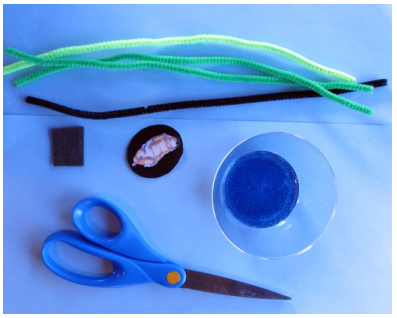
Moses represents the law of God. In a broad sense God's law means the whole Word; in a narrower sense it means the historical section of the Word; in a restricted sense it means what was written through Moses; and in a very restricted sense it means the Ten Commandments. *Arcana Coelestia* 6752



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1. Gather the project supplies you will need.



2. Cut neatly around baby Moses.



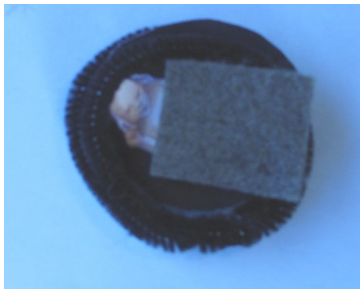
3. *Optional*: Cut a blanket to fit over baby Moses.



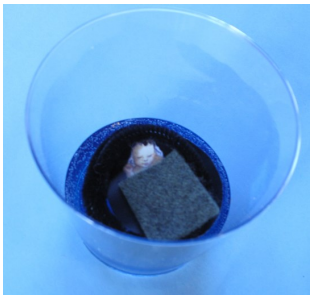
4. Form black pipe cleaner into a circle by wrapping it twice to create a basket for baby Moses. Fasten the ends.



5. Place Moses in the basket, making adjustments to the basket as needed.



6. "Float" baby Moses in the basket on the "Nile River" in the cup.



7. Cut the green pipe cleaners into short lengths and put them around baby Moses to represent the papyrus reeds growing on the banks of the Nile.



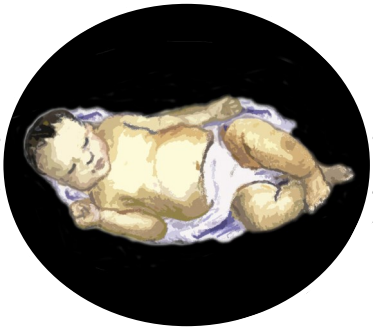
8. Remind the children that the papyrus reeds were used to make "paper" or papyrus so that the Word could be written down by Moses.



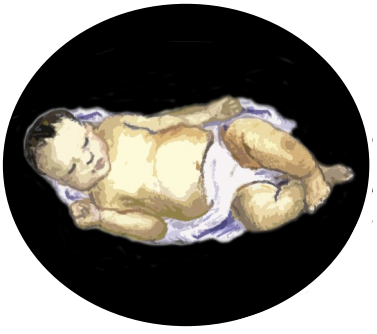
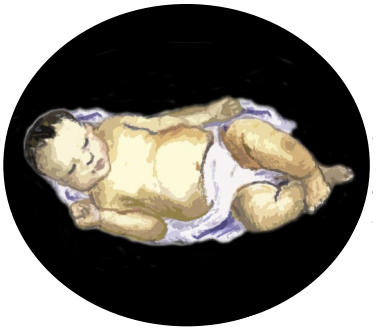
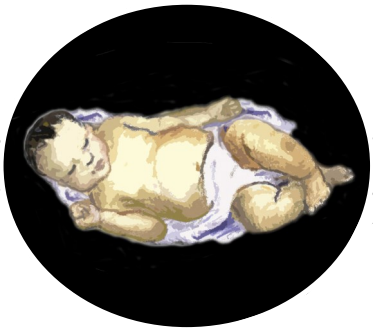
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Baby Moses Pictures

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