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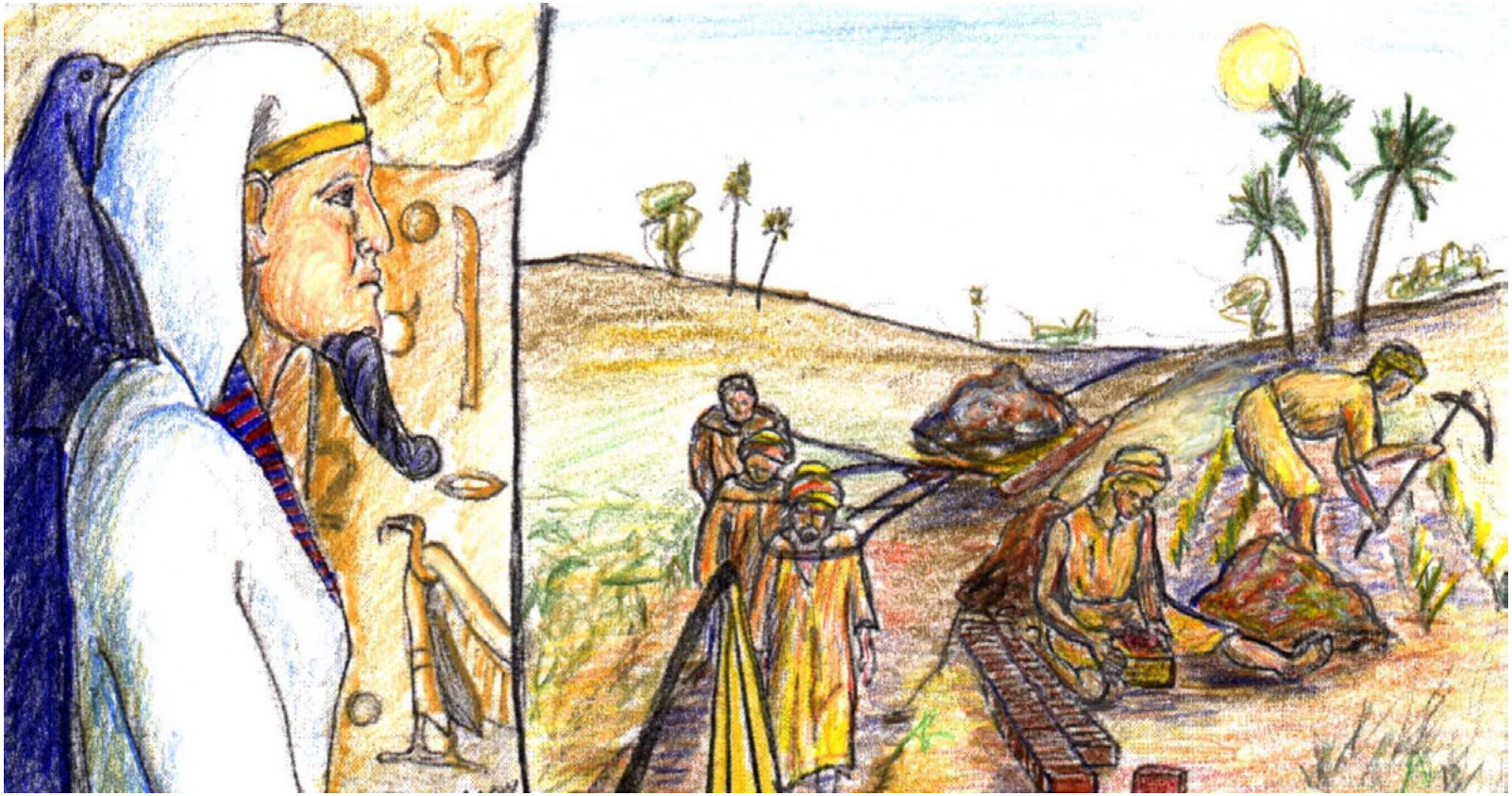
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Long ago a wicked king called Pharaoh lived far away in Egypt. The Children of Israel who lived in his country were slaves and they were treated badly. The Children of Israel were sad to work as slaves in Pharaoh's country, but even so, the Lord was taking care of them.





Pharaoh was afraid that the Children of Israel might turn against him and escape from Egypt. So one day Pharaoh made a cruel law which said that every baby boy born to the people called the Children of Israel should be thrown into the river and drowned.

A mother had a baby boy and she loved him dearly. She heard of Pharaoh's cruel law and so she hid her baby in a basket she made out of bulrushes. She covered the basket with tar and pitch so that water could not get in.

Then the mother put her baby into the basket and laid it in the grasses at the edge of the river. Even though his mother wasn't with him, there was Someone still looking after the baby. The Lord was taking care of him.

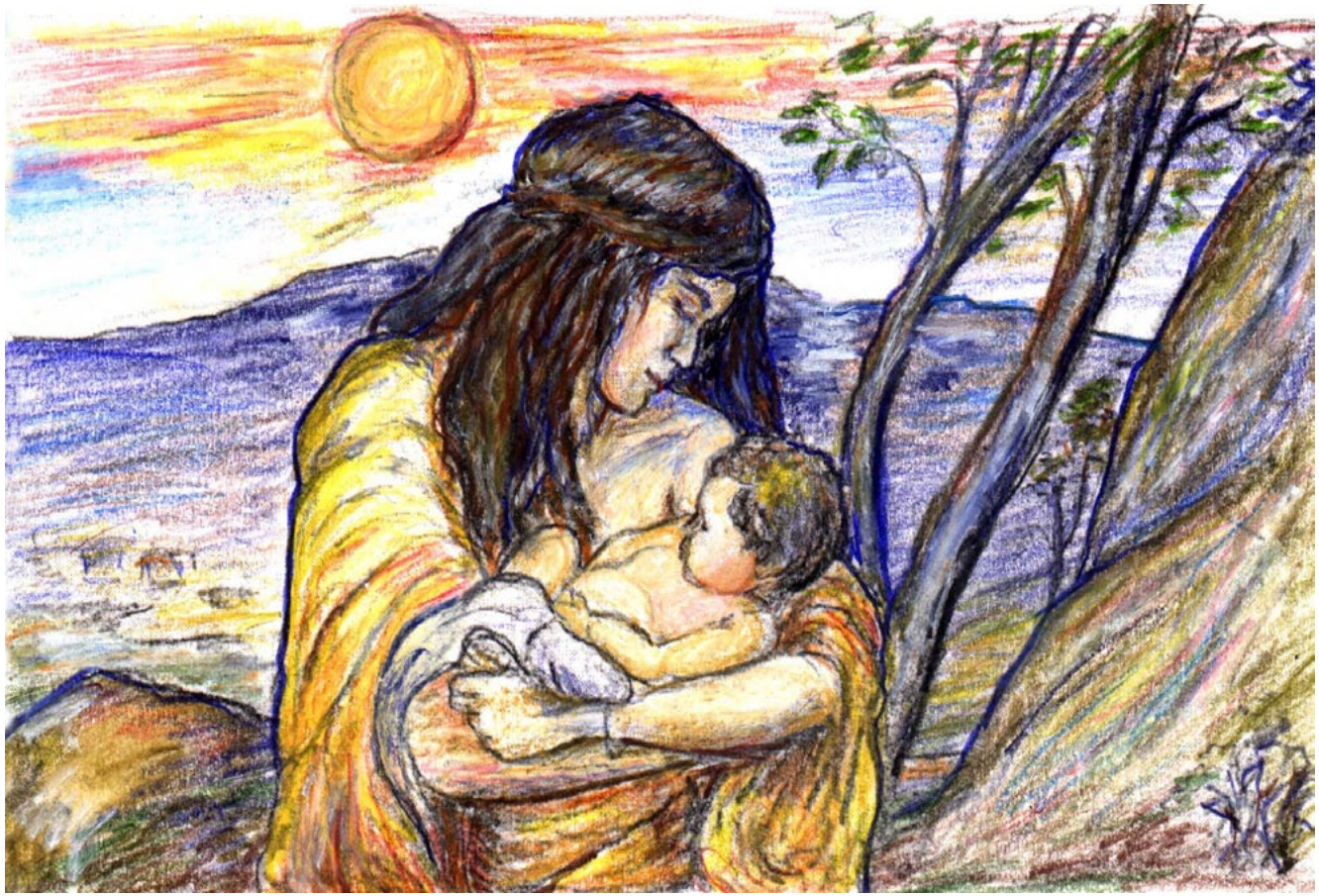
The mother told the baby's big sister Miriam to hide and watch what would happen to the baby.

Pharaoh had a daughter who was a princess. She was not like her father; she had a kind heart. One day the princess came down to the river and there she saw the basket in the grasses. She didn't know it, but the Lord led her right to the basket.



Inside the basket was the baby boy, and he was crying. The princess felt sorry for him. She didn't want him to be hurt.

The big sister Miriam saw what happened. She asked the princess if she could go to find someone to nurse the baby. The princess said yes, so Miriam took the baby home to her mother. Then the mother nursed him and cared for him.



When the baby had grown to be a child, his mother brought him to the Princess to become her son. She adopted him and treated him well and named him Moses, which means “drawn out of the water.”

The Lord watched over Moses and led him all through his life. When Moses grew up, he helped the Children of Israel to leave Egypt and go far away from the wicked Pharaoh.





The Lord protects everyone from evil, and He plans for things that will happen. The Lord is watching over you and leading you too. Even though you can't see him, the Lord is always with you.