

\*\*\*\*\* Day 4 \*\*\*\*\*

1. Read Exodus 2:1-10

There was a man from the family of Levi who decided to marry a woman from the tribe of Levi. She became pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy. The mother saw how beautiful the baby was and hid him for three months. She hid him for as long as she could. After three months she made a basket and covered it with tar so that it would float. Then she put the baby in the basket and put the basket in the river in the tall grass. The baby's sister stayed and watched to see what would happen to the baby. Just then, Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to bathe. She saw the basket in the tall grass. Her servants were walking beside the river, so she told one of them to go get the basket. <sup>6</sup>The king's daughter opened the basket and saw a baby boy. The baby was crying and she felt sorry for him. Then she noticed that it was one of the Hebrew babies.

The baby's sister was still hiding. She stood and asked the king's daughter, "Do you want me to go find a Hebrew woman who can nurse the baby and help you care for it?" The king's daughter said, "Yes, please." So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. The king's daughter said to the mother, "Take this baby and feed him for me. I'll pay you to take care of him." So the woman took her baby and cared for him. The baby grew, and after some time, the woman gave the baby to the king's daughter. The king's daughter accepted the baby as her own son. She named him Moses because she had pulled him from the water.

2. Why did the mother hide the baby for three months?

3. Was the mother obeying Pharaoh or God?

4. How was the mother obeying God?

5. This mother had a big decision to make. Does she obey Pharaoh, the king? Or, does she save her son's life which is what God would desire? This week really teaches us that we need to recognize that sometimes there are people in our life asking us to do things that are honoring to God. This means we need to make a decision, will we do what they want us to do, or what God wants us to do.

6. Ask God to help you be wise in knowing what He wants you to do and to give you the strength to do what you know is right even when someone else is trying to make you do the wrong thing.



Exodus 1:1-2:10

\*\*\*\*\* Day 1 \*\*\*\*\*

1. Read Exodus 1:1-7.

When Jacob (Israel) went to Egypt, his sons and their families went with him. Here are the names of those sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. Another son, Joseph, was already in Egypt. So Jacob's whole family was with him in Egypt—70 descendants in all. Later, Joseph, his brothers, and all the people of that generation died. But the Israelites had many children, and their number grew until the country of Egypt was filled with them.

2. Who were Jacob's sons?

3. Why did they go to Egypt? *See Genesis 41:57—42:3*

\*\*\*\*\* Day 2 \*\*\*\*\*

1. Read Exodus 1:8-14.

Then a new king began to rule Egypt. He did not know Joseph. This king said to his people, "Look at the Israelites. There are too many of them, and they are stronger than we are! We must make plans to stop them from growing stronger. If there is a war, they might join our enemies, defeat us, and escape from the land!" The Egyptians decided to make life hard for the Israelites, so they put slave masters over the people. These masters forced the Israelites to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses for the king. The king used these cities to store grain and other things. The Egyptians forced the Israelites to work harder and harder. But the harder they worked, the more they grew and spread, and the more the Egyptians became afraid of them. So the Egyptians made them work even harder. They made life hard for the Israelites. They forced the Israelites to work hard at making bricks and mortar and to work hard in the fields. The Egyptians showed no mercy in all the hard work they made the Israelites do!

2. Why was the new king afraid of the Israelites?

3. What did the king do to the Israelites because he was afraid of what they might do?
  
4. Sometimes we act in wrongful ways because we are afraid that someone might get something that we think we should get. Can you think of a time when you were upset because someone received an award, gift or opportunity that you thought you should have received? It could have been first place at a competition, a favorite toy/game or even a certain position on a team.
  
5. How did you respond when you realized that another person got what you wanted?
  
6. How were your actions similar or different to Pharaoh's action to the Israelites?

**\*\*\*\*\* Day 3 \*\*\*\*\***

1. Read Exodus 1:15-22.

There were two Hebrew nurses who helped the Israelite women give birth. They were named Shiphrah and Puah. The king of Egypt said to the nurses, "You will continue to help the Hebrew women give birth to their children. If a girl baby is born, let the baby live. But if the baby is a boy, you must kill him!" But the nurses trusted God, so they did not obey the king's command. They let all the baby boys live. The king of Egypt called for the nurses and asked them, "Why did you do this? Why did you let the baby boys live?"

The nurses said to the king, "The Hebrew women are much stronger than the Egyptian women. They give birth to their babies before we can go to help them." The nurses trusted God, so he was good to them and allowed them to have their own families. The Hebrews continued to have more children, and they became very strong. So Pharaoh gave this command to his own people: "If the Hebrew women

give birth to a baby girl, let it live. But if they have a baby boy, you must throw it into the Nile River."

2. What did the king of Egypt ask the midwives to do?
  
3. What does God tell us about killing other people?
  
4. The midwives did not obey the king because they were honoring God by obeying his commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Have you ever been asked to do something that you know God would not like you to do?
  
5. Sometimes it is challenging to have brothers and sisters. There are times when your friends might ask you to ignore your brothers and sisters so you can do something else. God tells us to be kind and loving. Would ignoring someone be kind and loving? Do you do what your friends want or what God wants you to do?
  
6. Or, maybe your friend forgot to do their homework so they ask to borrow your homework so they can copy it quickly. God tells us to be honest. Would allowing someone to copy your work to hand it in to the teacher as if it was their own work an honest thing to do? Would you do what your friend wants you to do or what God wants you to do?