

Story 43/44: The Birth of Moses

The Israelites kept increasing. The king of Egypt gave orders that every boy baby of the Israelites must be killed. Moses was born to an Israelite couple. He was a beautiful child. His mother kept him hidden for 3 months. But now Moses was getting bigger. His mother could not keep him hidden from the Egyptian soldiers. What should she do? She prayed to God, and God gave her a plan. She made a basket and put Moses in it. She put the basket in the water along the edge of the Nile River. The king's daughter came to the river to take a bath. She heard Moses crying and saw the basket. She looked in the basket and found a beautiful baby boy. She wanted to keep him. Moses' sister was nearby. She asked the king's daughter, "Do you want me to get an Israelite woman to nurse the baby?" She answered, "Yes." So the mother of Moses nursed him until he was old enough to live with the king's daughter.

Read this story in the Bible in Exodus 1:21-2:3

Words to Know

increasing – growing in size or amount

hidden – concealed; out of sight

nurse – to give the mother's milk to a baby

Questions

1. Why did the king order that all Israelite boy babies must be killed?
2. Why wasn't Moses killed?
3. What did Moses' mother do when she could no longer hide him?
4. Why did Moses' mother put the basket in the water along the edge of the Nile River?
5. Why did Moses' sister stay nearby?
6. Who often came to the Nile River to take a bath?
7. How did the king's daughter feel when she found the basket? Why did she want to keep the baby?
8. Do you think the king's daughter knew the baby was an Israelite?
9. What did Moses' sister offer to do?
10. How was Moses' mother able to stay close to him for a long time?

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