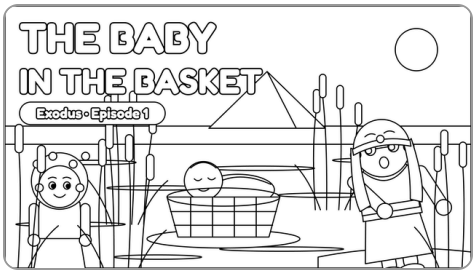
The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for season 2, episode 1

The Baby in the Basket

Exodus 1 and 2 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 4 min 42



The story in brief

A new pharaoh makes the Hebrews his slaves. A mother hides her baby in a basket at the edge of the Nile, his sister Miriam keeps watch, and Pharaoh's daughter adopts him: he is Moses.

> **Note for parents.** Pharaoh's order is told in softened words ("not one more baby boy shall grow up among the Hebrews") and no image shows a baby in danger. The episode also mentions the slavery of the Hebrews, in a few simple sentences.

Let's talk about it

1. Why is the new pharaoh afraid of the Hebrews?
2. What does the mother do to protect her baby?
3. Who stays near the basket to keep watch?
4. Who finds the basket at the edge of the Nile?
5. Who is going to nurse the baby?
6. Whom could you watch over today, like Miriam?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Pharaoh thinks the Hebrews are too many, and he is afraid they will become stronger than his people. The mother hides her baby for three months, then lays him in a basket made of reeds, at the edge of the Nile. His big sister, Miriam, stays close by. Pharaoh's daughter is the one who finds the basket, and her heart is touched. Miriam goes to fetch the baby's own mother, who nurses him. Later the princess adopts him and calls him Moses, "because I drew him out of the water."

To remember

God watches over little ones, he never sleeps at all. From the basket to the palace, he hears me when I call.

The song: God watches over little ones

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To do

Choose someone smaller than you (a little brother, a little sister, a neighbour, a pet) and take care of them today: a game, a glass of water, a helping hand.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-baby-in-the-basket/
From the book of Exodus, chapter 1 and chapter 2, verses 1 to 10. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.