

Bible Story 9:

MOSES - PART 1: BIRTH AND CALL OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 1:6-14,22; 2:1-25; 3:1-15; 4:1-20

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 4:8

BIBLE STORY:

Many, many years passed since Joseph died. His family stayed in Egypt and multiplied. They were called the Israelites or Hebrews. The king in Egypt was called Pharaoh. The new king of Egypt did not know about Joseph. He did not like the Israelite people. The king and the people of Egypt mistreated the Israelites and put them to work as slaves. Pharaoh even ordered that all newborn Hebrew boys be killed.

During that time a Hebrew baby boy was born and the parents hid their baby. The baby grew and began to make louder sounds. They were afraid the soldiers would find their child. So the mother made a waterproof basket and put her baby boy inside. She placed the basket by reeds on the edge of a river. The baby's sister, Miriam, hid close by and watched him.

The king's daughter arrived to take a bath. The princess saw the basket, opened it and saw the baby crying. She felt sorry for him and decided to keep him. The baby's sister went and got their mother. The princess paid her to nurse and take care of the baby until he was bigger. The baby grew and went to live with the princess in the palace. She gave him the name of Moses. Many years passed and Moses grew to be a man.

One time Moses became very, very angry and killed an Egyptian who was being mean to a Hebrew slave. Moses fled when he heard the king was angry with him. Moses went to live in the land called Midian and took care of Jethro's flock.

Many, many years passed. One day, Moses was taking care of Jethro's flock when he saw a bush on fire. It was burning, but it did not burn up. He did not understand what was happening, so he went closer. God spoke and told Moses to take off his sandals. Moses obeyed. God told Moses to return to Egypt and to help the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt and go to a good land He promised them. Moses trusted God and obeyed.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What were some ways that the Egyptian king mistreated the Israelites? Why?
2. What are some ways that people mistreat other people today?
3. How should we treat other people? How should we treat people who are different from us? How should we treat new people who come in our community, home, church, job location, school?
4. How did God protect and take care of Moses when he was a baby?
5. What are some ways that God is protecting and taking care of us?
6. Should we ever allow someone to mistreat us? How can we defend ourselves? How can we get help?
7. What did Moses' sister do to help her brother? Did she need courage? Why?
8. How can you help your family? Brother(s)? Sister(s)? Friend(s)? Colleagues? Neighbors?
9. What happened when Moses saw the burning bush? What did God call Moses to do? What did Moses do?
10. What are some special tasks that God asks people to do today?