

MOSES' LIFE IS SPARED

Scripture:
Exodus 1:1-2:10 (reference Acts 7:17-29)

Materials Needed:
Dry erase board and markers
Names of books of Bible
Song visuals
Snack

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know: I want my students to know that after 400 years, God was going to take Abram's descendants out of Egypt like He promised. Even though Pharaoh planned to keep them in Egypt through slavery, and having the baby boys killed or drowned, God protected the man he would use to accomplish His plan through midwives, Moses' parents and even Pharaoh's own daughter.

To Realize: God's and plan for them is to be part of His bigger plan.

To Respond: by saying "yes" to God's plan for them.

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Opening Procedures:

Welcome to class.

Show new Bibles!

Sing *I Believe the Bible*

Teach Bible Exercises

GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY

Setting Up the Story—

Show map at the back of the Bible. Show where Canaan is and where Egypt is. God had made a PROMISE to Abraham that when his family grew REALLY big, they would be in a different country, but GOD WOULD BRING THEM BACK TO THIS LAND. God promised THIS LAND to Abraham's family. That's who God wanted living there. Sure enough, Abraham's grandson and great-grandchildren moved to Egypt. With all their families there were 70 people.

Telling the Story—

Scripture: 1:1-7

I. Israelites are slaves in Egypt

A. Descendants of Jacob

B. They multiplied in Egypt/Goshen

C. Pharaoh becomes afraid of multiplying race:taskmasters

1. Afraid of wartime

Scripture: 1:8-14

As you tell the story—

As we open the book of Exodus, it looks like it is simply tying the content back to the end of Genesis. How did we get from there to here? 350 years have passed!

Why did Pharaoh think making them slaves would make them not have as many children? (terrible living) But

- problems
- 2. Afraid of departure from land
- 3. Appoints taskmasters

Scripture: 1:15-21

II. God Spares Moses' Life

A. Through Midwives

- 1. They are instructed to kill boys
- 2. They fear God

what actually did happen? Read 1:12. So now Pharaoh is even MORE afraid! He has to think of another way to stop them. (key phrase)

Pharaoh didn't know it, but God had a plan, and that plan involved a baby, and God was watching over him. (storytell events; write the word "midwives: Shiphrah and Puah on board") (key phrase) Pharaoh didn't know it, but God had a plan, and that plan involved a baby, and God was watching over him. So now Pharaoh has to think of another plan.

Now all the people are commanded to kill the baby boys when they are born. But Pharaoh wasn't counting on one thing. 2:2 (write the word "parents" on the board) Finally the day came when they could no longer hide their baby...(key phrase) but God had a plan, and that plan involved a baby, and God was watching over him. storytell events. Write the word "Pharaoh's daughter" on board

1:22-2:2

B. Through parents

- 1. Pharaoh's new command to everyone: throw the boys in the Nile

2:3-10

- 2. A Levite man and a Levite woman have a boy

- 3. They hide him

C. Through Pharaoh's daughter

- 1. Baby put in a basket in Nile

2. Sister watches
3. Pharaoh's daughter bathing
4. Feels pity for crying baby
5. Names him Moses
6. Hires mother
7. Grows up in palace

What was this baby's name? 2:10
(Your students will have known this all along, but it's fun to pretend to keep it a 'mystery' till this point)

Concluding the story:

As Moses grew up he heard the story of how his life was spared three ways! Who were the people God used to spare his life? (midwives, parents, Pharaoh's daughter) And what question might have come to Moses? ("Why me?") And do you know what Moses concluded? He realized that God had a special purpose and plan for his life.

(if you have a personal story of God's physical protection over you, share it here.) You may not have a dramatic story in the details of your birth like Moses did, but the fact that you are sitting here alive and healthy leads me to a definite conclusion...that God has a definite plan for your life too, and I know what part of that is! It is to receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior from sin and become a child of God. Close in prayer.

After Lesson Activity:

- Sing Song: *Faith is Just Believing*
- Review Questions (tic-tac-toe)
- Hand out snack
- Hand out invitations for friends