

Adventures with GOD!

GOD GIVES WISDOM (A.2.Spring.4)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 1:22-2:10
Key Verse	Ecclesiastes 2:26
Key Concept	God gives wisdom to help us make good choices.
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in sharing the story of Moses. 2. Learn how Moses' mom and sister, Mariam, made good choices. 3. Make choices.

Life Application

When we love God, God gives us wisdom to make good choices. In the story of Baby Moses, Moses' mom wants to save her son. God gives her wisdom and she makes a basket for Moses to hide him from Pharaoh. She also places it in a place where Pharaoh's daughter can find him and tells her daughter Mariam to watch the basket. When Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses, Mariam makes a wise choice. She asks Pharaoh's daughter if she can find someone to care for the baby. That someone was Moses' mother.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Pictures	5 minutes
Game	Paper, crayons	15 minutes
Bible story	Craft 2 items, Bible, close pins	10 minutes
Craft	sheets, crayons, glitter, fabric, glue	10 minutes
Activity	Illustrations, crayons	10 minutes
Snack	Healthy	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Introduction: Decorate the walls of the classroom with pictures of families, parents, children, etc. Include extended families, grandparents, uncles, cousins, etc. Different cultures and age groups would be good, too. Also, see the craft on page 7 for a visual to help children understand the story of Moses.

Game: Give children a blank piece of paper and have them draw their families. While they are doing this, talk with the children about family relationships. Allow each of them to say the names of their family members and share their drawings with everyone. Make sure all children have a turn to share.

Reflect: What do you want to say to God about your family?

Choice: Which do you think is better: tear up our pictures or save them to show our families?

Bible Story: Read the story before class so you are ready and informed about the details. Before you begin, invite children to sit on the floor in a circle. Pass around the basket (made from the instructions found on page 7).

Explain: Today we will tell a story about a family who God helped by giving them wisdom. Wisdom helps us make good choices.

Hand out the close pins. Each pin will represent Moses' mom, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter, and extras to represent Pharaoh's daughter's servants. You can either make the basket on page 7 or cut out the picture to represent the baby Moses. Children can make eyes and smiles on the close pins. Encourage children to act out the story with the close pins.

Ask: How do you feel when you're alone? Life can be difficult sometimes, right? Let children give their point of view.

Mention that although we can often feel alone, God does not abandon us. God is always with us.



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Discuss the story of Moses and remind them that God is in control of everything.

Ask questions: What do you think would have happened if Moses was found by the soldiers? How long could you have lived in Moses' basket? What would have happened if Moses was not found by the princess? Show the illustration on page 4 – what hard choice did God help Moses' mom make?

Craft: See the illustration of basket found on page 6. Give each child a copy of the basket illustration and allow them to decorate with glitter, fabric, and so on.

Activity: If there is extra time, children can color the rest of the illustrations found on pages 4-5.

Snack: End class time by thanking God for our families and that God gives us wisdom to make good choices. Also give thanks for the snack before serving. It's important that they learn to give thanks for all the food before serving, and understand that the food is another manifestation of God's love. If you still have a few minutes, encourage children to go over the verse. Help them by saying it word for word.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle and light the candle again.

Prayer: Thank you God for loving us, and for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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Illustration

Mother putting Moses in basket



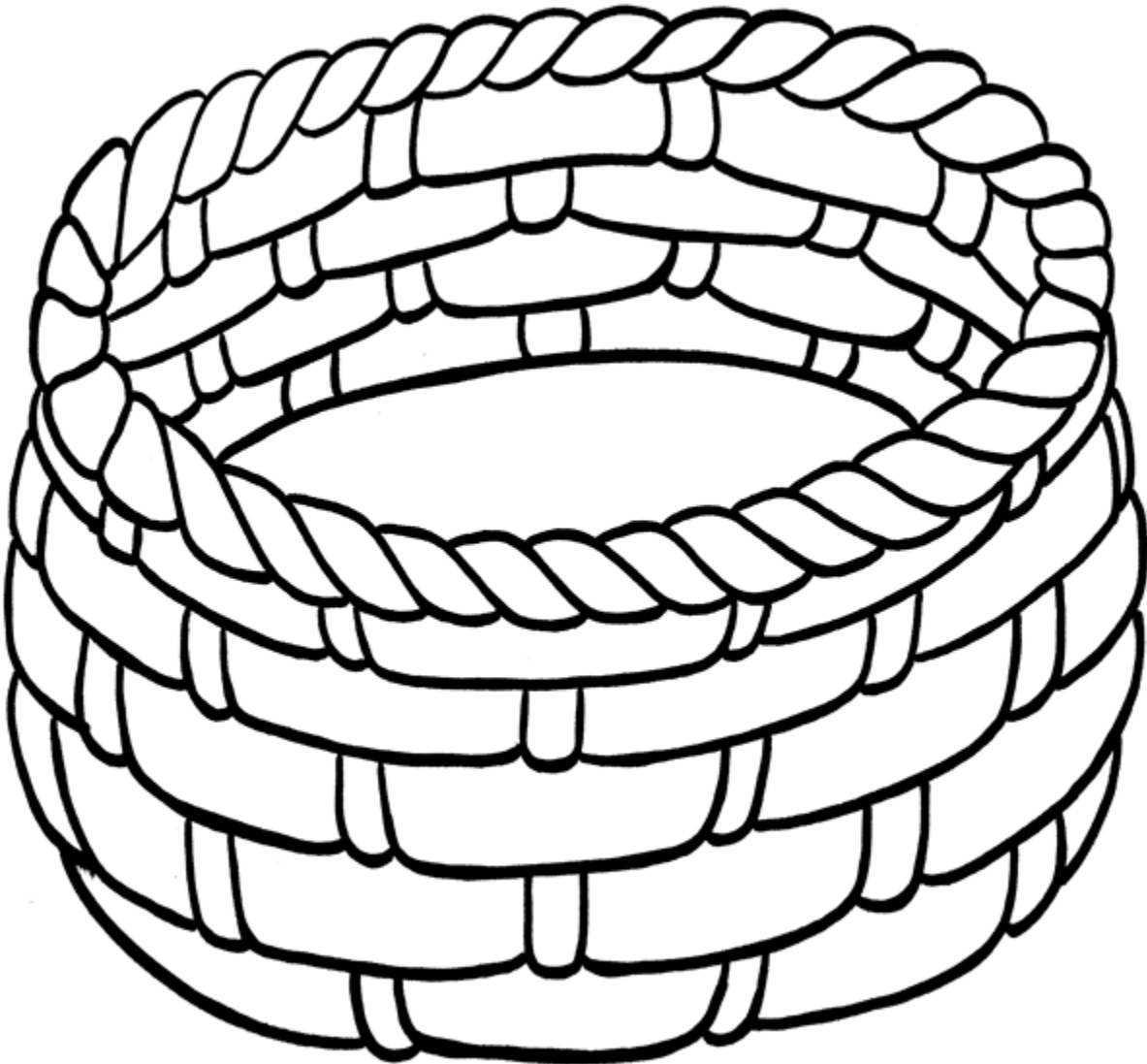
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Illustration



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Craft



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Craft – For Teachers

Moses' Basket

Materials: scissors, paper, box with lid, fabric, markers, glue, doll

Preparation:

1. Create Moses' basket by using a cardboard shoe box.
2. Draw design on box to make it look like a basket.
3. Put a doll inside and cover with fabric.
4. Allow time for children to play with basket.

