

Adventures with GOD!

MARIA, THE CARING SISTER (A.2.FALL.11)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 1:1-2:10
Key Verse	Psalm 16:1
Key Concept	I can be useful to God when I am ready to serve.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Say the name of the sister of Moses 2. Tell the story of Mary and her performance in the care of Moses. 3. Recite today's verse

LIFE APPLICATION

God is always looking for people who are willing to do whatever God asks. Mary is an example for each of them. Although she was in danger, she protected her brother and obeyed God. Children can learn to trust and obey God by hearing the story of courageous Mary. God gave her great wisdom and she was also the instrument that God used to make the miracle in the life of Moses. Although the children in your class are small, they will learn to trust in a God who cares for children.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Illustration, bible, bowl of water, a toy boat	10 minutes
Craft	Drawing, crayons	10 minutes
Verse	Illustration	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the 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)

Craft: Have children add to booklets, the symbol of today's lesson a "waffle".

Bible Exploration: There are many ways to tell the story. You can use the puppets or the accompanying illustrations. Talk of the noise that babies make and help them think about how hard it was to hide Moses. Then fill a bowl with water and try to float the "waffle" (made with folded paper). They should try to imagine what it was like for the parents of Moses when they put their son on the wafer. You can also talk about what Mary felt while tending the wafer into the river. Explain how Mary had the courage to go and talk to the daughter of the king of Egypt. Talk about the miracle that God made.

Craft: Color the illustration, you can add stems of herbs that are dry to easily stick with glue.

Verse: The "track" of today's verse is a wafer. Repeat several times until the children recite it.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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Illustration

Maria takes care of her brother Moses



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CRAFT

To take care of the evil king of Egypt, Moses' family made a boat (a basket) and put it in the river. Moses's sister, Mary, hid among the reeds to make sure her brother was okay. The king's daughter found the basket in the river and when she saw the baby, she wanted to adopt him. God took care of Moses and so He will take care of you.

Can you find Mary in the reeds? Color the picture. Your teacher will give you a yellow circle that can be pasted with glue on the circle of the sun. Then you can stick with glue stalks of herbs in the reeds to make a good hiding place for Mary.



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PUPPETS

Make a copy of this page for each child for finger puppets. They can color them and you can help them stick with tape or glue to fit their fingers. Each child must have his game of puppets to take home and tell the story of Moses to his parents and family.

