

The story of Moses

The story begins at a time when the then Pharaoh had put in place an order for all new born Israelite sons to be thrown into the river.

Why did Pharaoh make this Law?

Because he was scared that the Israelites would continue to grow to such a size that they would be able to overpower Pharaoh.

At this time there was a woman called Jochebed who gave birth to a Son. She saw he was a good boy so she hid him for 3 months. But by that time he was getting too big to hide so she and her daughter Miriam placed the baby in a basket and laced him in the river. Jochebed told Miriam to stay and watch over the basket; Jochebed went away and prayed to the Lord to keep her precious baby safe.

A short while later the daughter of Pharaoh came down to the River's edge.

Do you know what she did?

She saw the basket floating in the water, she sent one of her maids to get the basket.

When she opened it she saw the baby and saw that he was crying. The princess took pity on the baby and said "I must be one of the Hebrew's children". At this time Miriam came out of her hiding place among the bushes and volunteered to find a Hebrew woman to look after the baby. She went and got her mother. Jochebed raised the little boy until he grew, she then took him back to the Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son.

Do you know what she called him?

Moses – which means "drawn out" because she drew him out of the river.

So Moses grew up as the Princess's son. One day Moses went out among the Hebrew people and saw them working. He saw one of the Egyptian's striking a Hebrew. When he was sure no-one was looking he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When Pharaoh found out about this he became very angry and threatened to Kill Moses. Moses was lucky enough to escape and went to live in the land of Midian.

One day Moses was sitting by the well when some of the Priest of Midian's Daughters came to the well to draw water – Moses helped them. When their father, the priest, heard of the kindness Moses had shown the women he asked Moses to come and live with them.

After some time the Priest gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses as his wife. They had a son and called him Gershom. As time passed the Pharaoh died and his son, Moses' adopted brother, became the King of Egypt. But the Israelites were still oppressed.

One day Moses was tending to sheep when an angel of the Lord came to him in the form of a bush that burned with fire. *go to bible*

Before they arrived they met Moses' real brother Aaron just as God had promised. They called a meeting of all the Israelite leaders. They told the Israelites that God was going to lead them to the land he had promised. They all cheered.

What were the plagues?

- 1. I'm going to give you a number***
- 2. Get into your number groups***
- 3. Find out which plague matches with your number and tell us about that plague***

- 1. Moses turned water into blood*
- 2. Frogs*
- 3. Plague of Lice*
- 4. Plague of Flies*
- 5. Plague upon the Cattle*
- 6. Plague of Sores*
- 7. Plague of hail and fire*
- 8. Plague of Locusts*
- 9. Plague of darkness*
- 10. Plague upon the first born*

Remember the Devotion for next week we are going to play who wants to be a millionaire round one.