Preschool–Grade 5

Baby Moses Craft

Basket in the reeds · Exodus 2:1–10 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished

Easy and medium

Harder

Both have a blue paper plate river, green reeds on each side with Moses' sister peeking out of one, and baby Moses in a basket he slides in and out of. For the harder level, kids weave the basket from paper strips on page 3.

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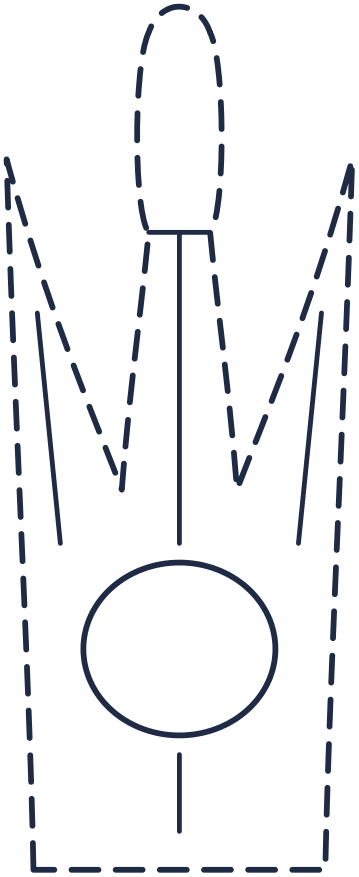
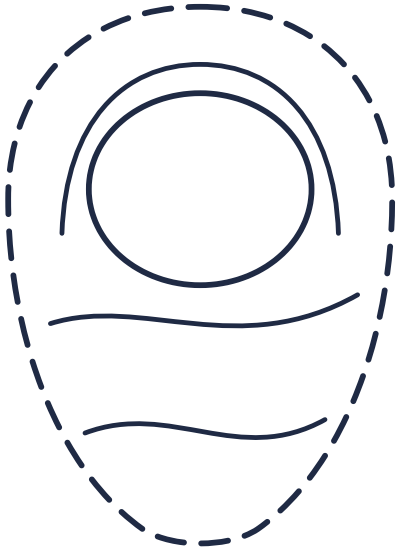
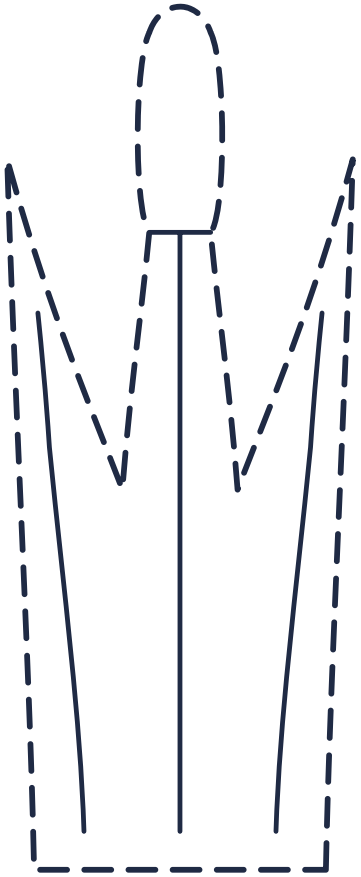


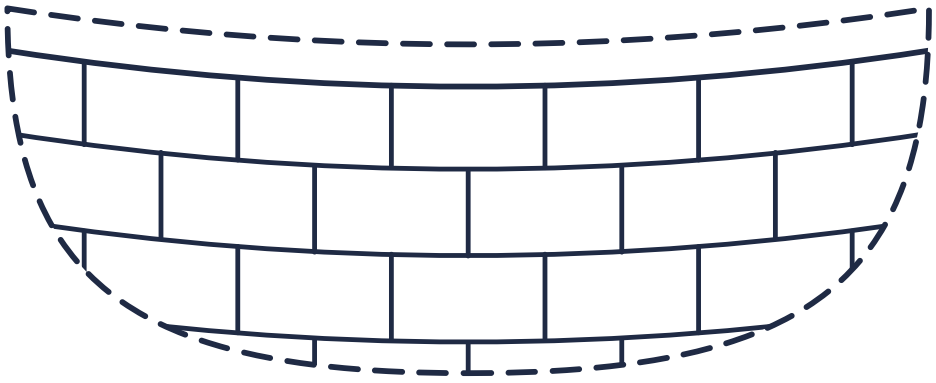


Baby: draw his face in the oval.

Reeds: in the oval, draw his sister watching (Exodus 2:4).

Basket: glue only the sides and bottom, so the baby slides in.





"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
Psalm 91:11 (KJV)

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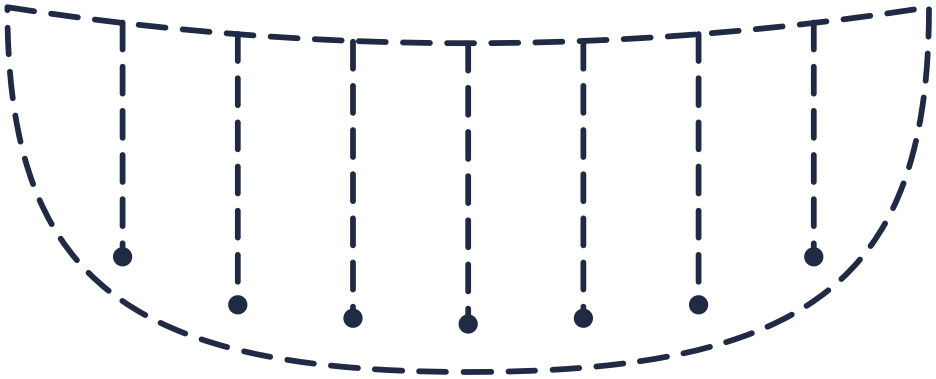
Woven basket (harder level)

Cut out the basket. Then cut each slit from the top edge down to the dot.



Weaving strips: cut out all three.

Color the basket tan and the strips brown, or trace the strips on brown paper.

Weave each strip in and out of the slits: over, under, over, under.

Start the next strip the opposite way: under, over, under, over.

Push the strips up close to the top and glue down both ends.

Then trim the ends to match the shape of the basket.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/baby-moses-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: one paper plate per child, page 2 printed once per child, crayons or markers (blue, green and brown), scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, and brown or tan paper if you have it.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the reeds, basket, baby and verse strip ahead of time. For the harder level, decide whether kids will color the printed strips or trace them on brown paper.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's two reed clumps, basket, baby and verse strip. Kids color the bottom half of the plate blue for the river and color the pieces. Help them glue the reeds on each side, then put glue on the sides and bottom of the basket for them so it stays open like a pocket. Kids draw a face on the baby (or you can), slide him into the basket and pull him out again. Glue the verse strip on the back for them and read it together.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color the river, color and cut out every piece, draw Moses' sister in the reeds and baby Moses' face, glue the basket on as a pocket and glue the verse strip on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** kids make everything on page 2 except the basket. Instead, they weave a basket from page 3: color the basket shape tan and cut it out, cut each slit from the top edge down to its dot, and cut out the three strips. They weave the first strip over and under the slits, the next strip the opposite way, and so on, push the strips up close to the top, glue down the ends and trim them to the basket's shape. Then they glue the woven basket on as a pocket (sides and bottom only), slide the baby in, and say Psalm 91:11 from memory.
- **Paper for the harder strips:** if you have brown or tan construction paper, cut one set of strips from page 3 to use as patterns, then trace three strips per child onto the paper and cut them out (you can do this before class). If you don't, kids color the printed strips brown before they cut them out.

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Steps (medium level)

1. **River:** color the bottom half of the paper plate blue, with wavy lines.
2. **Reeds:** color the two reed clumps green and the cattail tops brown. In the oval on one clump, draw Moses' sister watching (Exodus 2:4).
3. **Basket and baby:** color the basket brown and the blanket any color. Draw baby Moses' face in the oval.
4. **Cut:** cut out the two reed clumps, the basket, the baby and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Glue the reeds** on each side of the plate so their bottoms stand in the river.
6. **Glue the basket:** put glue only on its sides and bottom edge, and press it onto the middle of the river. Leave the top open, like a pocket.
7. **Baby:** slide him into the basket. Pull him out and say, "I drew him out of the water!" (Exodus 2:10)
8. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the plate and read it together.

Questions to ask while kids work

- Moses' mother hid him for three months, then made an ark of bulrushes and laid it in the reeds by the river (Exodus 2:2–3). How do you think she felt? Who was watching over the baby?
- His sister stood far away to see what would happen to him (Exodus 2:4). Then she bravely spoke to the king's daughter (Exodus 2:7). When can you be brave and help someone?
- Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses, "Because I drew him out of the water" (Exodus 2:10). As you pull the baby out of the basket, thank God for watching over you too!

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** ark = a box that floats, bulrushes = tall plants that grow in water, flags = reeds, thee = you, thy = your, charge over thee = the job of watching over you.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Keep the pocket open:** remind kids to glue only the sides and bottom of the basket. A pencil slid into the basket while the glue dries keeps the top from sticking shut.
- **Drawing people:** kids draw Moses' sister and baby Moses themselves, in the ovals. A simple face is all they need.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Baby Moses Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/baby-moses.

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