

Baby Moses

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God takes care of me.

Bible passage: Exodus 2. Read Exodus 1:22–2:10 yourself before class.

Memory verse: "For he shall give his angels charge over thee" *Psalm 91:11 (KJV)*. **Charge over thee** = watching over you.

You need: a Bible, a baby doll wrapped in a small blanket, a small basket, a blue blanket or towel for the river, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.

Before class: bookmark Exodus 2. Lay the blue blanket down for the river. Hide the doll in the basket.

1. Opening game: Where Is the Baby? (5 minutes)

Say: "A baby is hiding in our room. Let's look for him, quietly!" Peek under chairs and behind doors together until a child finds the basket. Let each child gently rock the baby. Say: "We found the baby! Today's true story is about a baby whose mommy had to hide him. God was watching over him the whole time."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Exodus 2. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

God's people lived in Egypt. The king made them work hard (Exodus 1:13–14). (*Carry bricks.*)

The king made a bad rule about the baby boys (1:22). (*Shake your head no.*)

A mommy had a baby boy. She hid him for three months (2:2). (*Rock a baby in your arms.*)

Say it with me: "God sees the baby!"

She made a little basket-boat. She made it so no water could get in (2:3). (*Weave a basket.*)

She put her baby in it, in the tall grass by the river (2:3). (*Set the basket by the river.*)

His big sister watched (2:4). (*Shade your eyes and look.*)

The king's daughter came to the river (2:5). (*Walk your fingers.*)

She opened the basket. The baby was crying (2:6)! (*Rub your eyes: "Waa!"*)

She felt sorry for the baby (2:6). (*Hug yourself.*)

His sister was brave. She said, "I can get a lady to care for the baby!" (2:7) (*Hand up!*)

She ran and got the baby's own mommy (2:8)! (*Run in place.*)

Say it with me: "God takes care of me!"

His mommy got to take care of him (2:9). (*Rock the baby and smile.*)

The king's daughter named him Moses: "I drew him out of the water" (2:10). (*Lift it out.*)

Say it with me: "God takes care of me!"



3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Where did Mommy put baby Moses? *(In a little basket by the river, Exodus 2:3)*
2. Who watched the baby? *(His big sister, 2:4)*
3. Who found the baby? *(The king's daughter, 2:5–6)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "The Bible says God gives His angels a job: to watch over you. 'For he shall give his angels charge over thee.'" Teach the motion: point up for "he," flap your hands like wings for "angels," and hug yourself for "charge over thee." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Psalm 91:11" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God took care of baby Moses. God loves you, and He takes care of you too! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."

Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Baby in the Basket (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a basket with a baby in it. Then they color tall green reeds and a blue river around it. While they color, ask: "Who watched the baby? Who takes care of you?" Kids who finish early can take turns setting the doll's basket in the blanket river and "drawing him out of the water."

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:

"Thank You, God, for taking care of baby Moses.

Thank You for taking care of me. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the story moving and let every child hold the baby or the basket. If they get wiggly, stand up and do the "rock the baby" and "run in place" motions again. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

If a child asks about the king's bad rule: answer simply and gently. The king was afraid, and he made a very wrong choice (Exodus 1:9–10). But God kept baby Moses safe, and God is always good.