

## Week 7 Family Letter

# God Has a Plan for His People: Moses' Birth

(Exodus 2:1-10)

The people of Israel were living in the land of Egypt. A bad king was mean to the people. He made them work very, very hard. He wanted to harm their baby boys. But God took care of His people.

God helped a family keep their baby boy safe from the bad king. The baby's mother wrapped him in blankets and put him into a little floating basket. She put the baby and basket at the quiet edge of the river, where tall grasses would hide the baby's boat. His big sister, Miriam, stayed close by to watch him and be near. God was near and watching too.

Soon, the bad king's own daughter came walking by the river. The princess was not like the king. She was kind. She saw the baby and wanted to take care of him. She called the baby Moses. The baby's sister told the princess, "I can find someone to help you take care of the baby." The princess was happy to have help. Whom do you think Miriam got to take care of baby Moses? His own mother!

How happy they were that baby Moses was safe. How happy they were that they could tell him about God's love. How happy they were that God kept His people safe.

### Bible Words

My help comes from the Lord.

Psalms 121:2

Dear Family,

As your child colors the basket-boat in the Bible picture, encourage him or her with words of praise.

No doubt you have received many treasured creations from your child, sometimes wondering what they are and what you should say. Often, you won't recognize what the picture is, and your child will not be able to tell you what it is because she won't know. To her, it is not important what it looks like, but rather that she made it and discovered what she can do with paper and paint or paper and markers or crayons. Even if the picture is a simple brown scribble, that brown design is very important. It is something that your child has created. It is a part of her. It is the process, not the product, that counts.

God has given young children the gift of freedom to create. So when your child brings you a brown paper that looks like mud, say, "I like the way that you painted the whole page." Or, "You must really like the color brown. Where shall we hang your painting?" Your child will feel proud of her creation and you will be encouraging her to continue to use her God-given creativity. Read the story on page 98 of *The Story Bible* together.



