

An Unusual Baby Basket

Exodus 2:1-10

“A Baby boy,” the family whispered. They looked at each other in quick nervous glances. Each one was thinking, “Where can we hide him? How can we keep him from crying? Hurry, or the king’s messengers will hear!”

“That’s strange,” you say. “Why hide the baby? Is there something wrong with it? When a baby is born in our family we can’t wait to tell our friends and relatives. Why are these people so worried? Why don’t they want the king’s messengers to hear the baby crying?”

This little boy was Moses. He was born to an Israelite family who loved and trusted God. But the king of their land was wicked. He made a law that all Israelite boy babies must be thrown into the river. Naturally they didn’t want to drown their baby. So they hid him.

Hiding a baby wasn’t easy, especially when it cries so long and hard and loud. You know how noisy little babies can be. That’s why the family kept all the windows and doors closed. They hurried to rock or feed him whenever he cried. And it worked. . .at least for a little while.

Now the baby was so big that they couldn’t hide him any longer. Mother had to think of another way. She prayed and asked God to help her find a way to keep her little baby boy alive. She trusted God and God gave her an idea.

She walked by the river for a special reason. She was looking for the long reeds that grow there. She picked enough, then hurried home where she weaved a little basket. She covered it with mud and with tar so it wouldn’t leak. It was very important that this little basket didn’t leak, because she was going to float her baby in the river. When the basket was ready she tenderly put the baby in it.

We end our story here. To find out what happens you will have to read our next lesson.

Bible Verse to Learn

And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive (Exodus 2:22).