

An Unusual Baby Basket

Part 2

Exodus 2:1-10

We ended our story last time where Moses' mother had made a basket. Today we learn what she did with the basket.

Sneaking the basket to the river was a difficult job. Each member of the family walked back and forth to the river making sure there were no guards near. When the path seemed safe, Mother quickly carried her precious baby to the river and put him in the weeds that grew near the edge. The younger sister, Miriam, stayed nearby. She pretended to be playing, but all the while she kept her eye on the little basket in which her little brother was lying.

Later that day the king's daughter came to the river for her daily bath. She waded into the water, enjoying its coolness. She noticed the unusual little basket and sent one of her maidens to get it. Curiously she looked in to find the Israelite baby boy. As soon as she saw him, she loved him.

Miriam, who was really watching that little basket every second, ran to the water's edge and called the princess, "Would you like me to find a lady to take care of your little boy?"

Miriam hardly waited for her to answer. She jumped over the weeds and ran straight to her mother. When she got home she was so out of breath she could hardly tell the good news.

When Miriam's mother heard what had happened, she thanked God for helping her. Now she would be able to take care of her own baby boy, even though he now belonged to the princess. The guards wouldn't dare harm the son of the princess!

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).