

Kidz Sunday

“The Prince of Egypt”

Exodus 1-2:10

God sees the mess you are in.

So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king.

Exodus 1:11 (NLT)

The midwives: Disobeyed.

Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: “When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.” But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

Exodus 1:15-17 (NLT)

Mom: Protected.

The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months.

Exodus 2:2 (NLT)

Moses: Floated.

But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.

Exodus 2:3 (NLT)

Big sister: Watched over.

The baby’s sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:4 (NLT)

The Princess: Adopted.

Soon Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This must be one of the Hebrew children,” she said.

Exodus 2:5-6 (NLT)

Big sister: to the rescue.

Then the baby’s sister approached the princess. “Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” she asked.

“Yes, do!” the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby’s mother.

Exodus 2:7-8 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

God is working in your mess.

“At that time Moses was born - a beautiful child in God’s eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. When they had to abandon him, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.

Acts 7:20-22 (NLT)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Tell of a time you were in a mess and didn't see any way out?

2. Read Exodus 1-2:10. How have you seen your family love and protect you in your life?

How have you seen God love and protect you?

3. The midwives disobeyed Pharaoh's orders to do what was right in God's eyes. Have you ever had to go against the rules or an authority to do what was right?

What happened? Were there consequences for you?
For other people?

4. Moses' big sister watched over him and reunited the family. Who is the protector and peacemaker in your family?

5. Re-read Acts 7:20-22. God used Moses' mess to give him a safe home and an education. We usually see God in the mess only later in hindsight. How have you seen God's hand in your messes later in life?

6. How can you surrender the mess you are in now to God?

7. Is there a family member in your life who is in a mess that you can help? How?