

# Baby Moses

Lesson for over 5s

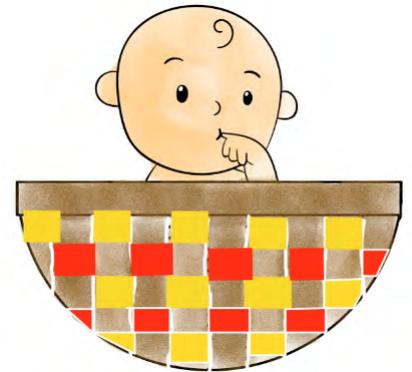


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# Introduction

Our lesson this week looks at the story of baby Moses. The passage is found in Exodus 2. Consider telling the story by a local river to help your child visualise the scene. Some of the main points we will examine today are:

- Families caring for each other.
- God watches over us and protects us.
- We can trust God.



## Lesson Guide:

Remind the child of the previous week's lesson on Joseph. Explain that the children of Israel are his family who came to live in Egypt, but almost four hundred years have passed.

Ask the child if they have ever hidden something to keep it safe. Point out ways that you keep things safe such as locking your house or car.

To demonstrate the way Moses' mother put him in a waterproof basket, you could do a little experiment. You will need rocks or other sinkable objects, foil, and animal cookies.

Fill a bowl with water (or use the shallow water at the edge of the river). Take an animal cookie and drop it into the water. Show how it is not protected from the water. Put an animal cookie on a rock. Ask the child if it seems safe. Drop the pebble into the water and show the child that the boat wasn't secure.

Create a simple boat out of the foil (or fold a paper boat). Show the child that the animal cookies are safe and secure in the boat floating on the water.

Ask the child to think of some ways that you keep them safe. Remind them that asking them to wear their coat is a way to keep them safe from being cold. Point out that their car seat is a way to keep them safe in the car. Tell the child that keeping them safe shows how much you love and care for them.

Point out some of the ways that God takes care of us. The sun. Rain. Etc. Point out how God protected them by giving them to you to take care of.





Miriam saw that her brother had been found by the pharaoh's daughter. She ran up to her. "Would you like me to find a woman of Israel to care for the baby?"

"Yes."

Miriam ran and called her mother. Jochebed came to the river.

"Take and care for this baby," said the pharaoh's daughter. "I will pay you."

Jochebed took her baby home and cared for him until he was older. Then she took him to the pharaoh's daughter.

The pharaoh's daughter was happy to see her adopted son. "I will call him Moses, because I drew him from the water."

God had protected Moses by having the pharaoh's daughter adopt him.



Four hundred years had passed since Joseph's family came to Egypt. That is a long time! Many children were born, grew up, and had children of their own. They were called the children of Israel.

Do you remember how Joseph helped the pharaoh of Egypt so that his people wouldn't go hungry? After he died, other pharaohs ruled over Egypt. They didn't remember Joseph or how he had helped them. One of the pharaohs had a bad idea. He said, "There are too many Israelites. We should make them slaves." So, they did.

But Israel only grew bigger. The pharaoh had a worse idea. "We should hurt all the baby boys of Israel."



Many mothers were very sad that the pharaoh would hurt their babies.

One mother's name was Jochebed. She gave birth to a son. For three months, she hid her baby. She loved him very much. But she couldn't hide him forever. Jochebed thought of how she could protect her son from the bad pharaoh and his men. She took a basket, and she coated it with tar to make it able to float. She put her baby in the basket. Then she went to the Nile River. There were reeds at the edge of the water. Reeds are like a tall grass that grows in water. Jochebed hid the basket in the reeds.

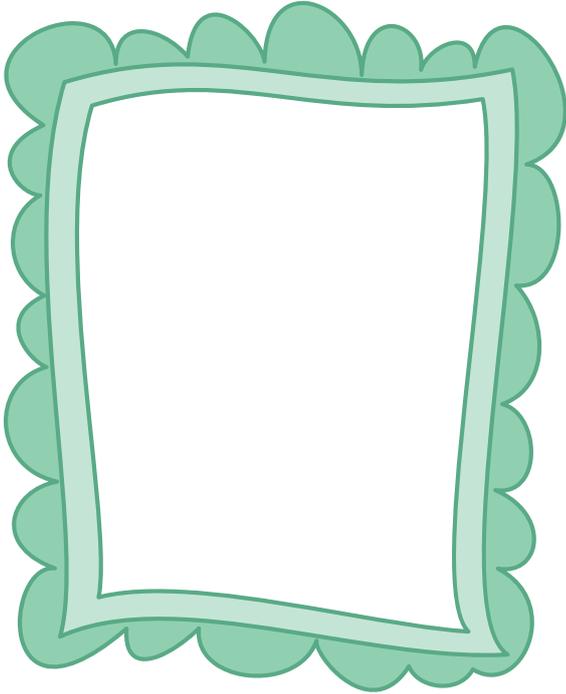


The baby had an older sister named Miriam. Jochebed told Miriam, "Wait here and watch the basket." Miriam waited.

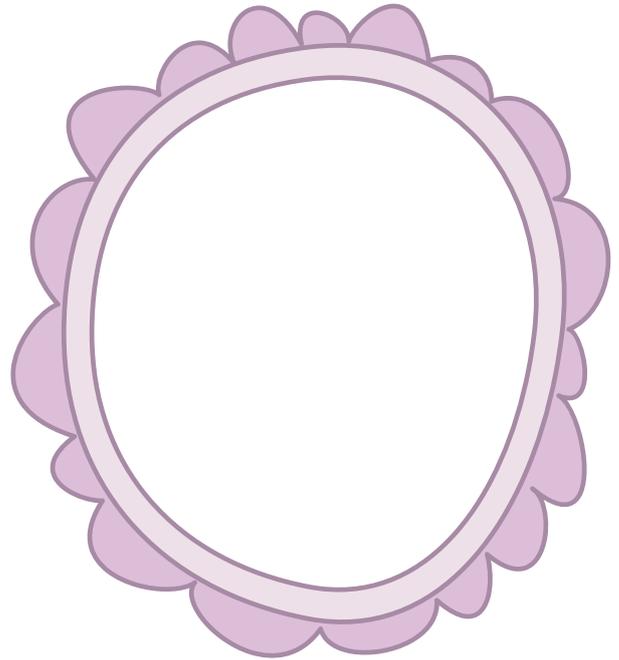
The pharaoh had a daughter. She went to the river to take a bath. As she and her slaves were walking, she noticed the basket in the reeds. "Go get the basket. I want to see what is inside," she said to one of her slaves.

The slave waded into the river and returned with the basket. "It's a baby," said pharaoh's daughter. The baby was crying, and she felt sorry for him. The pharaoh's daughter knew that a mother from Israel had hid the baby there to save him. She decided that she would keep the baby as her own.

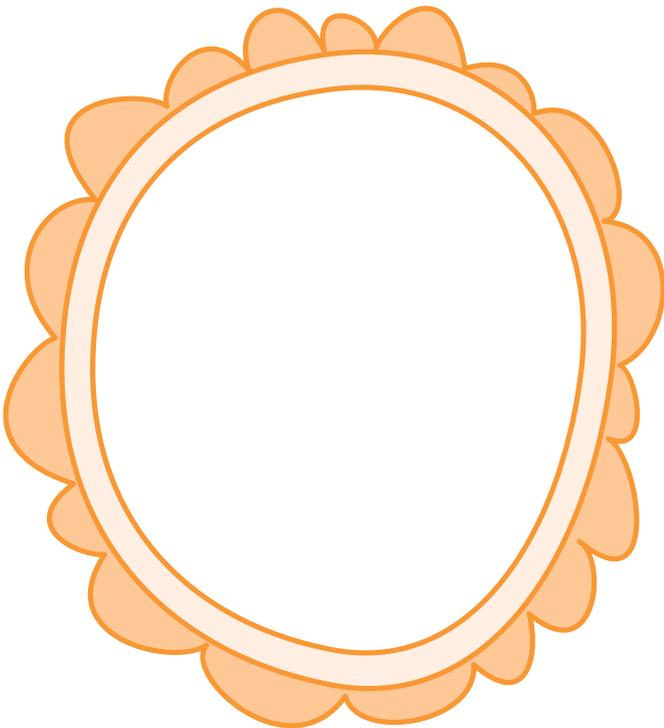
**Draw pictures of four people who care for you**



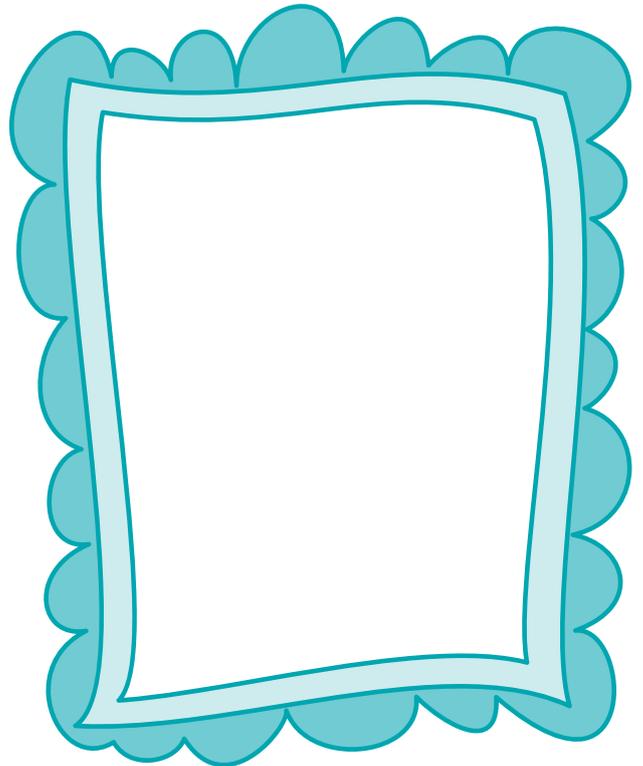
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# How did Jochebed save Moses?

## Cross out the false statements

She made the basket float with tar.

She hid him in a box.

She put Moses in the basket.

She placed the basket in the reeds of the Nile River.

She looked after her son for Pharaoh's daughter.

She left Moses on the palace steps.

She sent Moses away to another city.

She refused to take care of Moses for Pharaoh's daughter.

She had his sister, Miriam, watch him from afar.

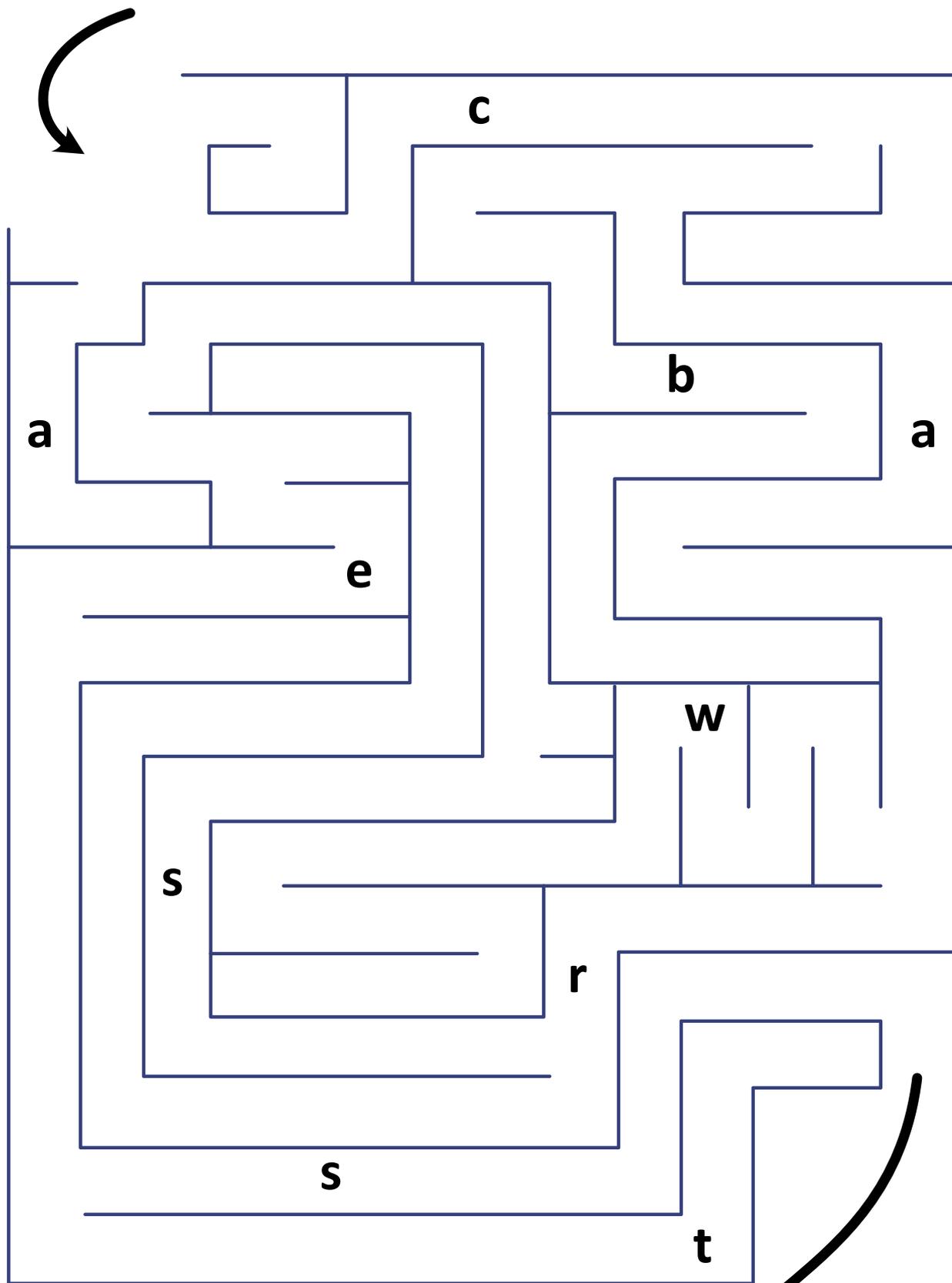
She placed him in the desert.



# Find 10 differences



# Collect the correct letters in the maze



He \_\_\_\_\_ for you

1 Peter 5:7

# Games and Activities

## Game: “High River – Low River”

**Materials:** a thin, 10 feet long rope

**Instructions:** Choose two helpers or older children to hold the ends of the rope in an open area of the classroom. Talk about how Moses’s mother had to leave him in the Nile River to save his life. To play this game, the children have to jump over the rope which represents the depth of the river. When the teacher says, “Low River”, those who are holding the ends of the rope will hold the rope low to the ground. When she or he says, “High River”, they hold it up higher, and the kids have to jump higher to get over. The teacher will randomly say, “High” or “low river”. Each time you say, “High River” consecutively, it will get a little higher each time.

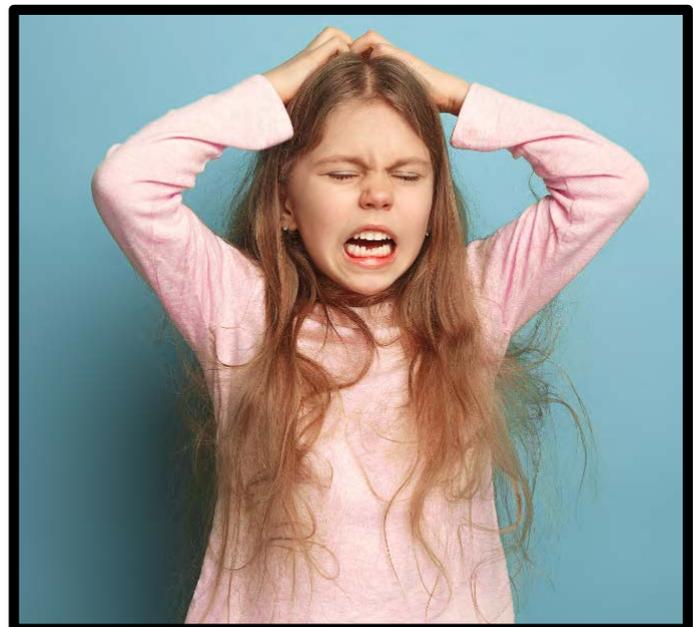
**Caution:** Don’t make it too difficult for them, so that someone could get hurt as a result.



## Game: “For Crying out Loud!”

**Instructions:** The kids will line up in a row to determine who has the best newborn baby cry. After the first try, choose the best three finalists. The others will sit down. Give a prize to the winner.

Talk about how Baby Moses’ cry put his life in danger. It was also how Pharaoh’s daughter found him floating in the Nile River.



## Activity: Floating basket

**Materials:** Give the children a selection of recyclable objects, some string and some tape. Some objects of similar weight.

Set the children a challenge to create a basket that floats. Children can work in teams or alone. Keep adding weight to see which boat design works the best.

**Talk about:** how Moses mother created a basket that floats to keep her baby safe.



## Activity: Egg drop

**Materials:** Give the children a selection of recyclable objects and an egg.

Warning this activity can get a little messy.

**Instructions:** Challenge the children to build something to protect the egg as they drop it from a height.

See how high you can drop it without it cracking. Think of ways you can better protect it.

**Talk about:** How God protects us.

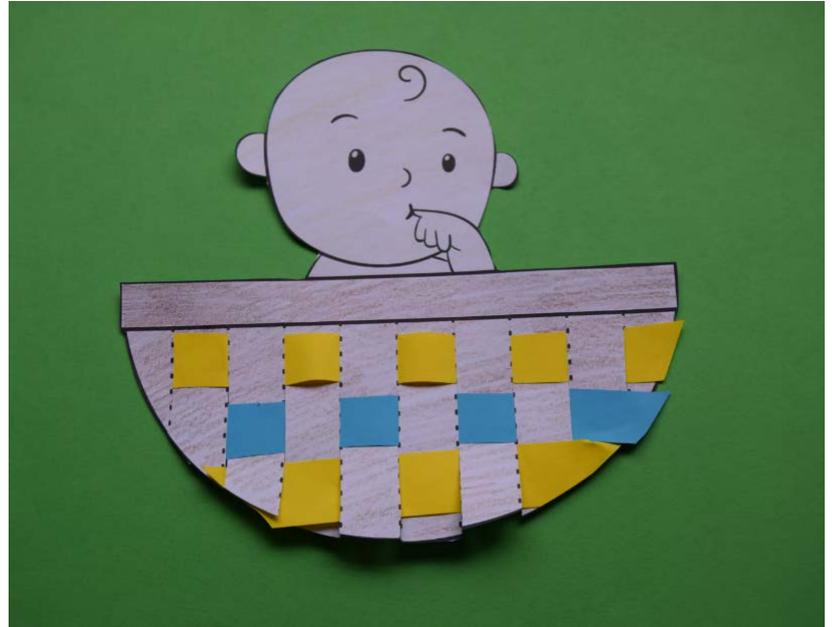


# Moses Basket craft

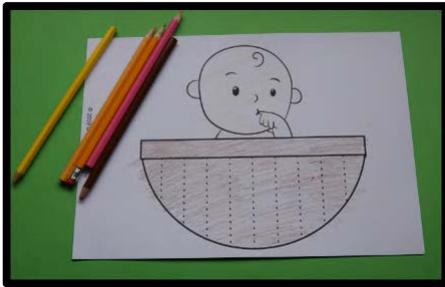
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## What you need

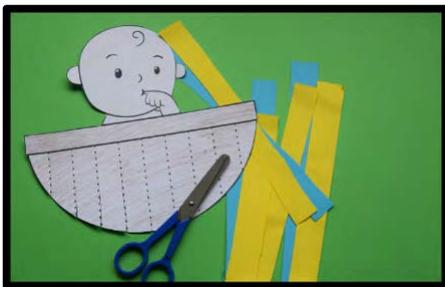
- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour paper
- Coloured pencils



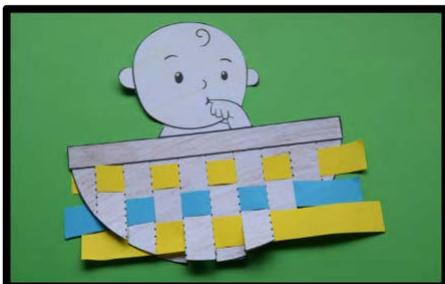
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Print on white card for best results  
Colour in the picture

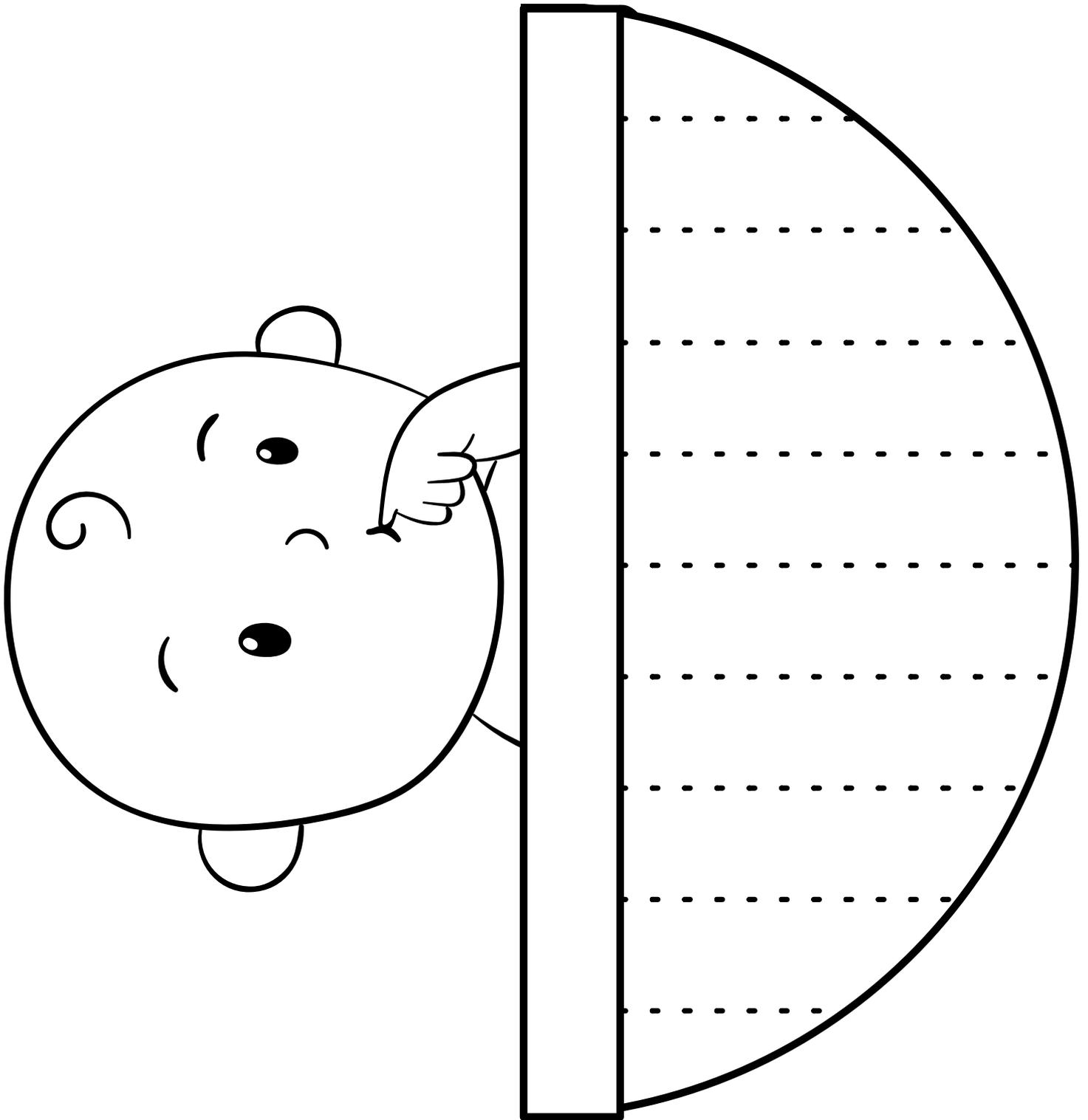


Cut along dotted lines  
Cut strips of paper



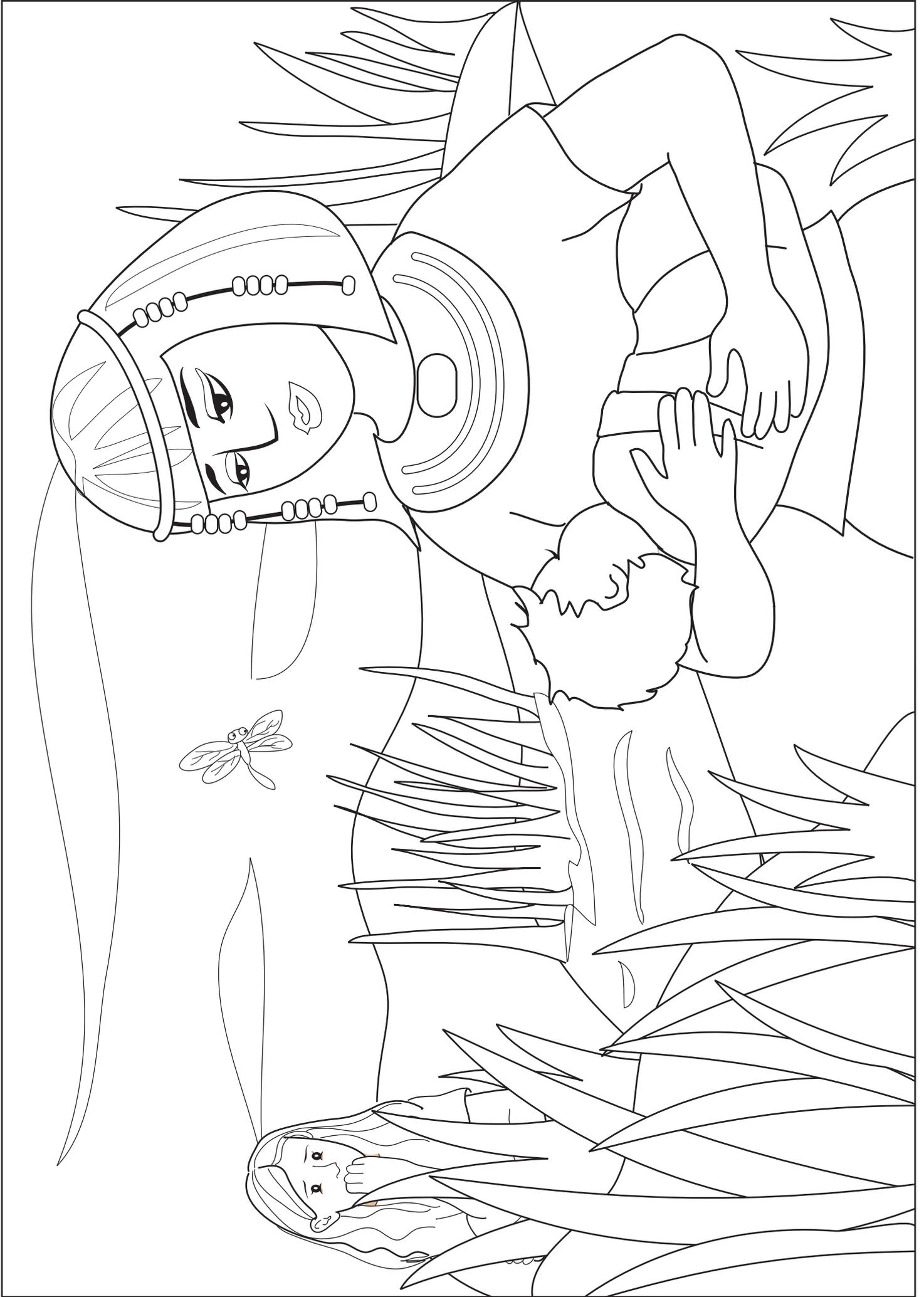
Weave strips of paper  
Glue overlapping bits

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# Worship Time

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God Always Keeps His Promises

<https://youtu.be/WzrFkvn1LGg>

Do Not Give Up

<https://youtu.be/EPqPcQjHDwg>

When I Look

<https://youtu.be/4iW9MN7vMpQ>

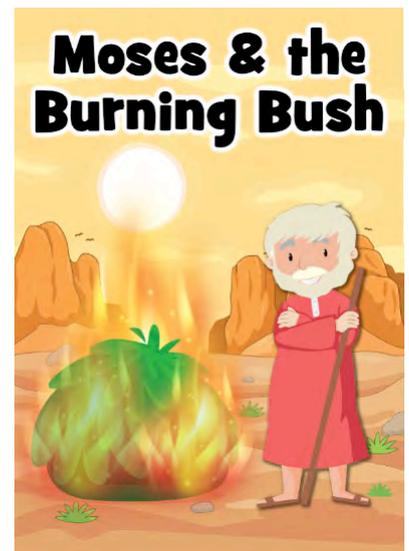


# Prayer Time

Thank God for the way He protects you.

## Next Week:

## Moses & the Burning Bush



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