



Session 3: Miriam

Kingdom Kids look out for other people
Kingdom Kids take action to care for others



Bible Story

This story is an important and well known one. But the spotlight sometimes shines on the baby in the story (who couldn't do anything about his situation) rather than his older sister, who is our Kingdom Kid today.

Background

- ◆ Many years after Joseph's family came to Egypt and settled there, God's people - the Israelites - had become slaves in Egypt. Their lives were very hard and they cried out to God.
- ◆ The book of Exodus tells the story of how God responded to the cries of His people - and today's story is right at the start of that rescue plan.
- ◆ The story helps us learn some key lessons about the importance of Kingdom Kids in God's plans.

Bible Passage - Read Exodus 2:1-10

Read the passage and/or watch an animated version of the story (links below and on web page).

The story continues...

- ◆ Moses grew up in the Pharaoh's palace as a prince - we don't hear anything about Miriam until years later.
- ◆ When he was an adult, Moses was very sad and angry about how his people - the Israelites - were being treated by the Egyptian slave masters. In his anger he killed one of the slave masters and he had to go on the run from Egypt.
- ◆ God brought Moses back to Egypt many years later - but this time, he came to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Miriam was one of those who we read about in the story of the great escape.
- ◆ Once Moses had led God's people out of Egypt and across the Red Sea, we read about Miriam singing a song of praise to God (Exodus 15).
- ◆ Miriam made some mistakes when she was older and didn't trust God as much as she should. However, as we learn in today's story, Miriam played an important part in Moses' story when she was a child. She had a key role in God's big plan to rescue His people. God was watching over and caring for His people, just as Miriam was watching over and caring for her brother.

Animated Bible Story

If you'd like to watch an animated version of today's Bible story, you may want to click on either of the following links. Both will take you to external sites with suitable versions of the stories. (CMSI bears no responsibility for the content on these pages).

Saddleback Kids Animation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hI9rDikU-FM>

Flipbuilder Story Book: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/zrww/fxew/>



Bible Passage: Exodus 2:1-10 [International Children's Bible]

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There was a man from the family of Levi. He married a woman who was also from the family of Levi. **2** She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw how wonderful the baby was, and she hid him for three months. **3** But after three months, she was not able to hide the baby any longer. So she got a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar so that it would float. She put the baby in the basket. Then she put the basket among the tall grass at the edge of the Nile River. **4** The baby's sister stood a short distance away. She wanted to see what would happen to him.

5 Then the daughter of the king of Egypt came to the river. She was going to take a bath. Her servant girls were walking beside the river. She saw the basket in the tall grass. So she sent her slave girl to get it. **6** The king's daughter opened the basket and saw the baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This is one of the Hebrew babies."

7 Then the baby's sister asked the king's daughter, "Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

8 The king's daughter said, "Yes, please." So the girl went and got the baby's own mother.

9 The king's daughter said to the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I will pay you." So the woman took her baby and nursed him. **10** After the child had grown older, the woman took him to the king's daughter. She adopted the baby as her own son. The king's daughter named him Moses ^[a] because she had pulled him out of the water.

a. 2:10 - The name Moses sounds like the Hebrew word for "to pull out."