

Old Testament

Moses is born

Exodus 2:1-10

Younger Verse

God showed us how much He loved us. Romans 5:8

Older Verse

God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. Romans 5:8 (CEV)

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Bring a baby doll with you today. Hold it in your arms and ask the children what it’s like having a baby around. Explain that today’s story is about a little baby boy.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Egypt’s new king was not a kind king. He looked out over his land and saw that the slave children who loved God were growing in number greater than his people, the Egyptians. He was afraid that one day the Hebrews might try to take over the kingdom. He did a horrible thing. He ordered that all Hebrew boy babies should be killed.

One Hebrew couple Amram and Jochebed (Jock-a-bed) had a baby boy. Jochebed hid the baby for three months. When she could no longer hide him, she made a boat basket out of woven grass. She covered the basket with tar to keep the water out. She placed the baby inside the basket. She put it in the water and had his sister watch as it floated down the river.

Before long, the king’s daughter came to the river to take a bath. She saw the basket floating and sent her maid to get it. When the princess opened the basket, she saw the baby! She wanted to keep the child.

The baby’s sister saw what happened. She told the princess that she would find someone to help care for the baby. She hurried home and brought the baby’s mother to care for him. The king’s daughter named the baby “Moses” because she got him out of the water.

Lesson Goals

Remember the story of Moses
See that God had a plan for His people
Tell some special abilities that you have, that God can use

In the years that followed, the Hebrews prayed to God for help. God heard and cared for them. Moses was part of that plan, but first he had to grow up!

God cares for us too. God has a plan for us. He has given us special things that we can do well—like draw, sing, listen, teach, etc. Why don't you tell me some things that you can do?

God has special plans for each of you. It's up to us to listen to God and obey Him. We must do what He says. Just like Moses, we have to learn and grow up, too. It's important to learn what God wants us to know, so that we can find out what His special plan for us is.

God also showed us how much He loved us. He knew that we could never get to Heaven on our own. We could never be good enough. So, God made a way for us to come to Him. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to make a way for us. Jesus died on a rough cross to pay for all the wrong things that we have done. Then, three days later, Jesus came back to life! Because Jesus came back to life, we can go to Heaven one day if we believe in Him and trust Him with all our heart. If you would like to know more about how you can live with God one day in Heaven, talk to us about it.

Learning Activities

There are some fun activities and crafts in the packet. Use the ideas that will help your children learn.

Memory Verse Activities

Ask the kids to think of ways that we know God loves us. Then explain from the verse God's ultimate example of love—Jesus!

Prayer Time

Are the kids really praying? Do they understand? Ask them what prayer is and why we pray? See if they understand. If not, take time to explain the basics. If they do, ask them to be quiet and reverent before God (you may have to explain the word reverent—respectful).

Snack Time/CleanUp

There was a cute snack idea in the packet. You may want to do that or use sweet snacks. Be sure that everyone has something to eat.

Planning April 18th
Moses and the burning bush
Exodus chapter 3:1-22

Preschool Lesson
For
Moses is born

Bring a little baby doll and a basket to help with the story.

A long time ago, there was a very mean king. He was cruel to the people who helped him.

One of his helpers was a family that loved God. God took care of them. One day the wife had a baby boy. She hid him from the king's men. The baby grew and grew until he was three months old. (Bring a blanket and bottle to pretend to feed the baby)

When the mother could hide the baby no longer, she made a boat basket out of grass. She covered the basket bottom with black tar so that it would float in the water. She put the baby in the basket and put it in the water. She had his sister watch as the boat floated down the river.

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Moses was a special boy who grew up to help God's people.

God took care of Moses and He will take care of us too.

Hands-On Activities
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There are several fun food suggestions. Wrap a tortilla around a banana or wrap cheese and ham in a tortilla to make a “baby” in the blanket snack.

Teach the kids how to weave by using a cup. Cut vertical strips around the cup and weave yarn back and forth around the cup.

Here is a fun water activity from Group Publishing. Bring 2 large sheets and water-filled water balloons. Divide the group into two teams that will hold the sheets. Now let the teams toss the balloon back and forth using the sheets. Talk about how God cares for us and will help us with our needs.

Show the kids how to care for a baby. Talk about how to feed and bathe a little child. Show them how to wrap a blanket around a baby too.

Make baskets out of play dough and act out the lesson.
