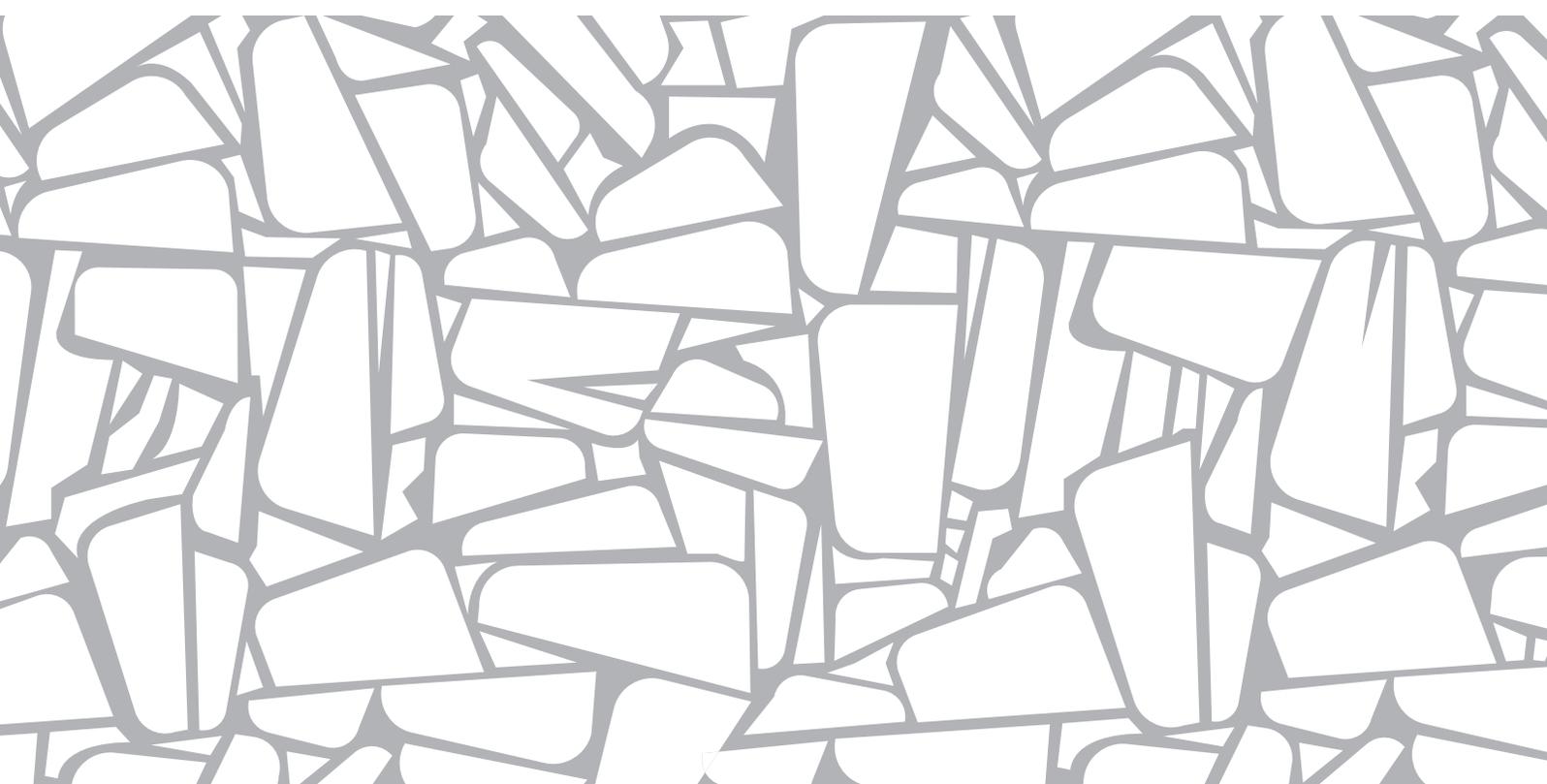




# **Baby Moses**





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**PreK-K**

# Baby Moses

## Lesson At-A-Glance

Scripture Reference  
**Exodus 2:1-10**

Lesson Focus  
**God is full of surprises.**

### gather (10 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<b>Play Time</b> Kids play with baby dolls, stuffed animals, and playdough as an introduction to the story of Baby Moses.	Coloring pages 	Baby doll(s), stuffed animal(s), fabric (for blankets, burp cloths), playdough, crayons
<b>Circle Time</b> Kids discuss surprises in relation to the day's story.	None	None
<b>Prayer Time</b> Kids echo words and actions to a prayer.	None	None

### open the bible (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<b>Baby Moses Storytelling</b> Kids hear and interact with the Baby Moses story.	Spark Story Bibles	Baby doll, basket, medium piece of blue fabric, white fabric or baby blanket
<b>River Maze</b> Kids float Baby Moses to safety in a surprising Nile maze.	Baby Moses Leaflets, Lesson Stickers	Pencils

### activate faith (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<b>Mood Match</b> Kids draw lines to match emotions of characters from the story to photos of children.	Leaflets	Crayons (green, blue, purple, and orange)
<b>Face Place</b> Kids add glue-ons to create surprised faces.	Leaflets	Googly eyes, red yarn, scissors, glue, pencils, construction paper (any color), clear tape
<b>Moses Song</b> Kids sing a song with actions about Baby Moses.	None	Baby doll

send (5 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
<b>Good-bye Time</b> Kids review the lesson and say a good-bye cheer together.	Leaflets, Family Pages 	None
<b>Prayer Time</b> Kids pray a peeking prayer.	None	None



Visit [www.activatefaith.org](http://www.activatefaith.org) for more Spark content! Watch a short Lesson Prep video that will prepare you and give you confidence to explore this Bible story with the kids you are leading. You will also find four downloadable resources for this lesson: a Coloring Page, a Family Page, and two additional in-class activities.

# gather (10 minutes)

## play time

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Wrap one of the dolls in a piece of fabric as an example and place everything on a table. As the kids come to your room, invite them to play with the baby dolls, stuffed animals, fabric, and playdough. Encourage them to take care of the babies and animals or to make babies and animals out of the playdough. Provide copies of the downloadable coloring page for this lesson for the kids to color. Be sure to help them put their names on their paper.

When everyone has had time to play, ask them to put away all of the supplies and join you in a circle.

As kids are putting things away and joining the circle, sing this song to the tune of Mulberry Bush.

**Now it's time to gather 'round, gather 'round, gather 'round**  
**Now it's time to gather 'round, with all our special friends**  
**Yay!**

### Spark Resources

Coloring pages



### Supplies

Baby doll(s)  
Stuffed animal(s)  
Fabric (for blankets, burp cloths)  
Playdough  
Crayons

## circle time

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When the group is gathered in a circle, you can begin. **Welcome to Sunday school. I'm so glad to see you all here. Let's start today with a rhyming chant.** Welcome each child by name with this rhyming chant. Start with God, then yourself, and then the kids, encouraging kids to join in. Repeat the chant, beginning at, "Who is here?" until each child has a turn.

**It's Circle Time! It's Circle Time!**  
**Everybody make a rhyme . . .**

**Who is here? God is here!**  
**God . . . nod!**  
**God . . . nod!**

**Who is here? Taylor is here!** (*Name someone in the class.*)  
**Taylor . . . Sailor!** (*Announce a name, then make a rhyme.*)  
**Taylor . . . Sailor!** (*Kids repeat the name and rhyme.*)

(Repeat)

**I love fun surprises!** Discuss surprises using the following questions, allowing time for kids to answer each one. **Do you like surprises? Tell me about a time you were surprised by your friends or family. Were you surprised by anything today as you came in today?** (*baby dolls and stuffed animals to play with, a new friend joining the group, etc.*) **Today's Bible story is about a surprise from God. How are you surprised by God?** (*a beautiful sunset, a playful puppy, a fun surprise in your life, etc.*)  
**I can't wait to hear more about God's surprises in the story!**

### Spark Resources

None

### Supplies

None

## prayer time

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**Before we read the story, let's pray an echo prayer together. Do what I do, and say what I say:**

**Dear God,** *(Bow your head.)*

**Your love is a wonderful surprise!** *(Throw your arms out wide on the word surprise.)*

**Thanks for keeping Baby Moses safe.** *(Rock a baby in your arms.)*

**Thanks for keeping us safe.** *(Give yourself a hug.)*

**Amen.** *(Bend down with folded hands.)*

### Spark Resources

None

### Supplies

None

## open the bible (15 minutes)

### baby moses storytelling

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Lay the blue fabric in front of you on the floor with some ripples to make a river. Place the basket on the fabric river with the doll inside, its face covered by the white fabric, like a blanket.

**It's Bible Time! Today's Bible story is called Baby Moses. It is from the book of Exodus in the Bible, which is near the beginning. Help me tell the story today. Each time you hear me say the word "baby" say, "Surprise! It's Baby Moses!" Say that with me: "Surprise! It's Baby Moses!"** Each time the kids say, "Surprise!" uncover the doll's face and cover it again. Practice this phrase and action several times before you begin to read.

Take out your Spark Story Bible and pass out Bibles to the kids. Help everyone find the Baby Moses story to follow along with you. Read "Baby Moses." As you read, emphasize the word "baby" in the story and pause for the kids to respond as you rehearsed.

Following the story, ask these questions, allowing time for the kids to answer.

**What are the surprises in the story?** *(Moses was floating in a basket, Miriam was hiding in the weeds, Pharaoh's daughter found Moses, God saved Moses.)* **Who took care of Moses?** *(his mother, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter, God)* **If you were Moses' mother, what would you have done with the baby boy to save him from Pharaoh?** *(Answers will vary.)*

### Spark Resources

Spark Story Bibles

### Supplies

Baby doll

Basket

Medium piece of blue fabric

White fabric or baby blanket

## river maze

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As a group, move to a table. Pass out the lesson leaflets and pencils, one of each for each child.

**Look at the front of your leaflet. Do you see some characters you know?** *(baby Moses, Moses' mother, Pharaoh's daughter)*

### Spark Resources

Baby Moses Lesson Leaflets

Lesson Stickers

### Supplies

Pencils

Distribute three circle stickers, one of each per child. **There are lots of things that could have hurt Moses along his path to safety. What Dangers are shown on these stickers?** (*Pharaoh, snake, crocodile*) **Let's put these dangers along the river.** Invite kids to place the stickers onto the dotted circle outlines in any order.

**You can help save Baby Moses.** Point to the picture of Moses and his mother in the upper left corner of the leaflet. **Start at the picture of Baby Moses and use your pencil to mark a path to safety. Who is at the end of the maze, waiting to save Baby Moses?** (*Pharaoh's daughter*)

**Even though there were lots of dangers along Moses' path to safety, God worked in a surprising way. Who was Moses' surprise helper?** (*Miriam.*) **How did she help him?** (*She hid in the weeds and found the pharaoh's daughter a helper—Moses' mom!*) Pass out the Miriam stickers. **Put the Miriam sticker in the weeds near the end of the maze.** Help kids place the sticker onto the matching outline. **Surprise! God gave Miriam as Moses' helper.**

## activate faith (15 minutes)

### mood match

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Direct kids to the "Mood Match" activity on the back side of the leaflet.

**The Moses story is full of feelings or moods.** Point out the picture of the pharaoh. **The Pharaoh feels scared. What makes you feel scared?** (*the dark, monsters, spiders*) **Put on your scared faces.** Allow kids to make scared faces. **Find the child's face on the leaflet that looks scared. Draw a green line to match the pharaoh and the scared child.**

**Point to the picture of Moses' mother. Moses' mother feels sad. When are you sad?** (*when I fall down, say goodbye, don't get what I want*) **Put on your sad faces.** Invite kids to make sad faces. **Oh, you look so sad. Find the child's face that looks sad. Draw a blue line to match Moses' mother with the sad child.**

Show kids the picture of Pharaoh's daughter. **Pharaoh's daughter looks surprised. Think about a time you were surprised. What happened?** Allow time for answers. **Show me your surprised faces.** Pause to let kids make surprised faces. **Find the child's face that looks surprised. Draw a purple line to match the pharaoh's daughter with the surprised child.**

**We have one happy face left. Whose is it?** (*Baby Moses'*) **What makes you feel happy?** (*hugs, ice cream, music*) **Let's see your happy faces.** Wait for kids to make happy faces. **Yay! You look like a very happy group! Draw an orange line to match the two happy faces on your leaflet.**

**Great job! No matter how we feel, God is with us and loves us. God's plan for us is a wonderful surprise.**

Spark Resources  
Leaflets

Supplies  
Crayons (green, blue, purple,  
and orange)

## face place

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Direct kids to the “Face Place” activity on the back of their leaflet. Distribute the other supplies, so all kids have access.

**God is full of surprises. Give the face on your leaflet a surprised face with googly eyes and a yarn mouth. What shape is a surprised mouth?** Allow kids time to respond. **Glue a piece of yarn down in a surprised circle or squiggle.** After kids have created the face, help them trace and cut out their hand from construction paper and tape it to form flaps over the faces, making sure that the tape doesn't prevent the hand from being lifted to open and reveal the face.

When all kids are finished, practice opening the hand to show the face and shout, **Surprise!**

### Spark Resources

Leaflets

### Supplies

Googly eyes  
Red yarn  
Scissors  
Glue  
Pencils  
Construction paper (any color)  
Clear tape

## moses song

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Gather the kids into a standing circle. **Let's sing a song to help us remember the story of Baby Moses. Join in when you can.**

Sing the following song to the tune of “Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore” to retell the Baby Moses story. As you sing, lead the group in actions.

**Moses floats along the Nile** (*Float the doll around the circle, passing it from kid to kid.*)

**Alleluia** (*Repeat*)

**Sister follows down the Nile** (*Put a hand up over your eyes as if searching and walk in a circle.*)

**Alleluia** (*Repeat*)

**Pharaoh's daughter saves the boy** (*Each kid raises the doll in the air, as if rescuing it from the water.*)

**Alleluia** (*Repeat*)

**God, surprise me with your plan** (*Walk in a circle, switching the direction at surprising times by calling out, “Switch!”*)

**Alleluia** (*Repeat*)

**Great job! What a fun song to remember the story.**

### Spark Resources

None

### Supplies

Baby doll

# send (5 minutes)

## good-bye time

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Sit down in a circle with the kids. **Thanks for having fun in the Nile with me today as we learned about how God saved Baby Moses with a surprise in the weeds, a surprise at the end of the river, and a surprising new place to live.**

**Be sure to take your leaflet home because it has one more fun activity you can do with your family.** Point to the Faith on the Go idea on the back of the leaflet. **You will get to stick a note on someone you love to remind you of the story.** Be sure to send leaflets home with kids, and give each of them a family page to take home.

Invite the groups to stand up. **All hands in!** Pile all hands in for a huddled closing cheer. **Thanks for coming today! I can't wait to see what story we will explore next week. Our Bibles are full of great stories! Whisper with me!** Bounce the pile of hands as you chant together. **God is good!** Repeat the phrase three times before ending with hands in the air and a loud, **Yay, God!**

Spark Resources

Leaflet

Family Pages



Supplies

None

## prayer time

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**Please do a peeking prayer with me before we go. Put your hands over your eyes as we pray. When I say "surprising," take your hands off your eyes like you are peeking at something.**

**Thank you, God, for surprising (peek) us with your love.**

**Thank you, God, for surprising (peek) us with your plan.**

**Thank you, God, for surprising (peek) us with your people.**

**Amen.**

**You can come out now!**

Be sure to send leaflets home with kids.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

None