



Baby Moses

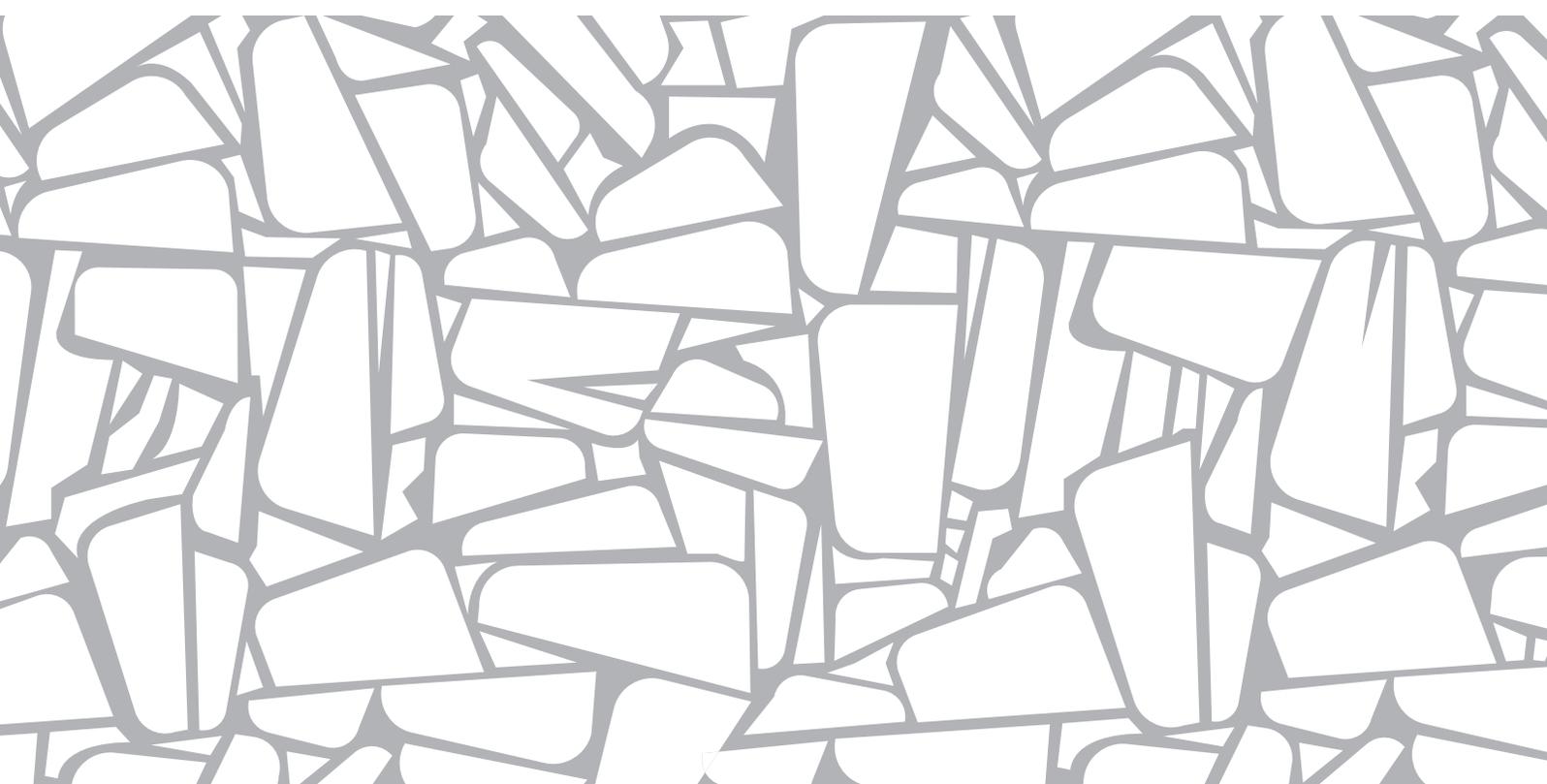




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Age 2-3

Baby Moses

Lesson At-A-Glance

Scripture Reference
Exodus 2:1-10

Lesson Focus
God surprises us!

gather (10 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
River Toss Kids toss bean bags into a basket on the fabric river.	None	Large piece of blue fabric or bed sheet, bean bags, basket
We Love Babies Kids care for baby dolls.	None	Baby dolls, fabric blankets
Coloring Center Kids color Bible story pictures.	Coloring pages 	Crayons or markers
Circle Time Kids show how they acted as babies and what they can do now.	None	Baby doll, beach ball
Prayer Time Kids echo the leaders' words.	None	None

open the bible (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
Baby Moses Storytelling Leader reads aloud from the Spark Story Bible.	Spark Story Bible	None
Floating Baby Kids pass a doll in a basket to float him down the river.	None	Large piece of blue fabric or bed sheet, baby blanket, basket, baby doll, crown, two Bible time costumes
Follow Baby Moses Kids follow the river with Baby Moses.	Baby Moses Leaflets, Lesson Stickers	None

activate faith (15 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
Basket Weaving Kids weave yarn through holes in their leaflet.	Leaflets	Yarn, single-hole punch, scissors
Surprise! Kids talk about fun surprises.	Leaflets, Lesson Stickers	None
Hidden Baby! Kids find a hidden doll in the room.	None	Baby doll

send (5 minutes)

	Spark Resources	Supplies
Good-bye Time Kids pass around the baby doll as they prepare to end class.	Leaflets, Family Pages 	Baby doll
Prayer Time Kids pray about the big kids they are becoming.	None	Baby doll, basket



Visit 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)

CENTER TIME

You may choose to set up all or some of these learning centers for children to play in as they arrive in your classroom. Have helpers in each center to help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

When all children have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one learning center, clap your hands while saying the following rhyme at each of the learning centers. Encourage the kids to say the rhyme with you as they clean up their things and move to the circle time area.

**It's time to put away the toys,
Big kids, little kids, girls and boys.
If everyone puts some toys away
We'll be all done before you can say:
God can surprise us!**

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

None

river toss

Arrange the fabric on the floor like a river. Set the basket in the middle. Invite the kids to take turns tossing the bean bags into the basket.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Large piece of blue fabric or bed sheet
Basket
Bean bags

we love babies

Set out baby dolls and blankets for the kids to play with. Encourage them to wrap them in the blankets and to hold and love them.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Baby dolls
Fabric for blankets

coloring

Have coloring supplies available at a table for the kids to color. Be sure to help them put their names on their paper.

Spark Resources

Coloring Pages



Supplies

Crayons

circle time

God loves and cares for us always. Sometimes the way God cares for us is a surprise. Today, we're going to surprise each other with this ball. We can welcome each other today by saying that God loves us. I will pass the ball to someone and we'll all say, "Welcome, God loves you, (name) _____!" Then, I'm going to try to surprise someone and pass the ball to them. You can surprise a friend too!

Repeat until all kids have been "surprised" and welcomed.

Today we are going to talk about a baby. Show the baby doll. **Let's all pretend we're babies like this one. What are some things babies can do?** (*cry, crawl, drink a bottle*) **Do something a baby can do.** Give the kids a chance to cry or whatever they want to do. Have your baby doll do the things they suggest, if possible.

Think of all the wonderful things you can do now that you are big. Let's go around the circle and each do something that you can do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby. I'll go first. I can hop on one foot. What can you do, (name) _____? Allow each child to show one thing. Be ready with ideas for kids who have trouble thinking of something. Ideas could be eat with a spoon, walk, talk, sing, or dance.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Beach ball

Baby doll

prayer time

Invite kids to repeat each line after you.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving babies.

Thank you for loving little kids.

Thank you for loving big kids.

Thank you for loving grown-ups.

Amen

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

None

open the bible (15 minutes)

baby moses storytelling

We're going to read a Bible story about a special baby boy named Moses. God had a surprise for him on a river. Let's see what happens.

Take out your Spark Story Bible and open to the "Baby Moses" story. Read the story out loud and point to the corresponding pictures. Look for Squiggles, the caterpillar, in each picture. Ask kids what they think Squiggles is feeling or doing. Encourage them to make a face like Squiggles.

Spark Resources

Spark Story Bibles

Supplies

None

Ask the following questions, allowing time for the kids to answer. **Who put Moses in the basket on the river?** (*Moses' mom*) **Who watched Baby Moses in the basket to see what would happen?** (*Miriam*) **Who found Baby Moses?** (*the Princess, Pharaoh's daughter*)

Let's each share a story about a time when we had fun in the water. Share your story first and then ask the kids to share their stories. **God made the water. We thank God for water and for fun!**

floating baby

Spread the blue sheet on the floor to make a river. Have the kids sit along the river banks. Choose one child to be Miriam and one to be the princess. Put one costume on Miriam and the crown on the princess. The other costume can be used by kids who want to be a servant at the end of the river.

Miriam took care of Baby Moses. When her mom set her baby brother Moses in the river, Miriam watched over him. Miriam, wrap Baby Moses in the blanket and set him in the basket to float down the river. Have the princess/servant stand at the other end of the river. Let the kids along the river pass the basket toward the princess. **God sent the princess (servant), too. She was surprised when she found Moses. She kept him safe and healthy until he grew up. God wants us to be safe and healthy, too.** When Baby Moses reaches the princess/servant, choose new actors to be Miriam and the princess/servant and play again.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Large piece of blue fabric or baby blanket
Basket
Baby doll
Crown
Two Bible time costumes

follow baby moses

Invite everyone to gather around a table. Give each kid a leaflet and a basket sticker. Point to the picture on the front of the leaflet.

I see a river, a mother, a sister, and a princess. But where's the basket with Moses? Moses' mom put the basket in the river. Put your Moses in the basket sticker in the river, too. Help kids place their stickers.

Now I see a basket with a baby. What is the name of that baby? (*Moses*) **Everybody say, "Moses!"** (*Moses!*) **Make a circle with your finger around Baby Moses in the basket.** Give kids time to move their fingers around the basket.

Give each child a crayon. **Let's all take a crayon and color the river. Who will watch over Moses as he floats down the river?** (*his sister Miriam, God*)

Who is at the end of the river? (*the princess*) **God put her there to take care of Baby Moses.**

Spark Resources

Leaflets
Lesson Stickers

Supplies

Crayons

activate faith (15 minutes)

basket weaving

Moses' mom wove a special basket to keep him safe while he floated on the river. We are going to do some weaving, too. Let's punch some holes in our leaflet so that we can weave our yarn through the basket. Help the kids hold the leaflet so you can punch three holes for weaving in the designated spots on the back of the leaflet. Give each child a piece of yarn. Show them how to poke and pull the yarn in and out of the holes. When everyone is finished, congratulate them on making baskets just like Moses' mom did!

Spark Resources
Leaflet

Supplies
6" (15 cm) lengths of yarn
Single-hole punch
Scissors

surprise!

God took care of Baby Moses in a surprising way. Ask the children these questions, pausing to listen to responses. **Were you surprised when you heard that Moses took a trip down the river in a basket? Were you surprised when you heard that the princess found Moses? God surprises us, too.**

Spark Resources
Leaflets
Lesson Stickers

Have the children look at the surprises pictured on the back of the leaflet. **What do you see? Which of these surprises would make you happy?** Hand three smile stickers to each child. **Put a smile next to the pictures that make you feel happy.**

Supplies
None

hidden baby!

Ask kids to put their heads down and close their eyes. Hide the baby doll somewhere in your room. **Moses' mom put Baby Moses in the river to hide him and keep him safe. Baby Moses is hidden somewhere in the room. You may go look for him. Bring him back to me when you find him.** Let the kids hunt for Baby Moses. Have kids say, "Surprise! I found a baby!" when they find the doll. Play again as time permits.

Spark Resources
None

Supplies
Baby doll

send (5 minutes)

good-bye time

Have the kids sit in a circle and thank them for coming. **God watched over Baby Moses and God watches over you too! I'm going to pass this baby doll to** (name) _____. **When it's your turn, we all say, "God surprises and watches over** (name) _____. Let children take turns passing the doll and repeat the saying as you end class together.

Spark Resources
Leaflets
Family Pages



Hold up the leaflet and point to Faith on the Go! on the back. **Be sure to take your leaflet home, because it has one more fun activity you can do with your family. We had fun talking about babies today when we learned about Baby Moses.**

Supplies
Baby doll

When you get home ask your family to show you some pictures, toys, and clothes from when you were a baby. Say a family prayer together thanking God for all the babies you know. Ask God to watch over them and to protect them.

prayer time

Place the baby doll in a basket in the middle of the circle.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending us each precious child, Baby Moses, (*say each child's name*) _____ **and** _____.

We know that you surprise us and love us when we are babies and when we are big, just like you loved Moses. Amen.

Be sure to send leaflets home with kids, and give each of them a Family Page to take home.

Spark Resources

Leaflets

Family Pages



Supplies

Baby doll

Basket