

KEY VERSE

The Lord is all I need.

He takes care of me.

Psalm 16: 5



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Moses

A Baby in the River



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KNOW WHAT:

- Today we are starting a new series on the life of Moses, a famous Hebrew who led God's people to freedom. This week we are learning about Moses' birth and how he was saved by being floated down a river
- Long after Joseph and his multi-coloured coat, Joseph's family had settled in Egypt as refugees and grown to be a large group
- The new Pharaoh did not like Joseph's family (the Hebrews). Pharaoh made a rule that all Hebrew baby boys must be killed, but the midwives kept breaking the rules and protecting the babies. God blessed the midwives for doing the right thing.
- One baby boy was called Moses. When he was born he was hidden by his Mum. Once he was too big to hide anymore, she put him in a basket and floated him down the river Nile. The Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him in the palace as her own baby.

SO WHAT:

- God had promised Joseph's great grandad (Abraham) that he would look after his family. Long after Abraham or Joseph, God still kept his promise and looked after Moses.
- God cares about people who are weak or being bullied and he loves it when we help them.

NOW WHAT:

- Let's trust God, even when things are scary or difficult.
- Let's try our best to look after people who might need our help.

LUKE'S LETTER'S

Putting your baby in a basket and floating them down a busy river full of crocodiles and hippos sounds like the act of a desperate person. There are times in our lives when we resort to acts of desperation. There is nothing left to do but close our eyes, say a prayer and float a baby down a river.

In that moment,

God is there with a mother who has no hope left. He watches over the baby and guides him down the river to the most unlikely person, the daughter of the king who is trying to kill him. If that is not strange enough, the enemy's daughter enlists the help of the baby's mum to look after him and raise him. God was there and was watching over them. Thanks to him, the baby was safe and the family could be together.

Whether or not you feel desperate now, God is with you. If you feel like everything is falling apart, God is with you. If everything is fine or you've just managed to overcome something, God is with you. He is there guiding past the hippos and crocs, down the river to safety.