

Bible Story 9: MOSES - PART 1: BIRTH AND CALL OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 1:6-14,22; 2:1-23; 3:1-15; 4:1-20

MEMORY VERSE: "I WILL LIE DOWN AND SLEEP IN PEACE, FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN SAFETY." PSALM 4:8 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

Many, many years passed since Joseph died. His family stayed in Egypt and multiplied. They were called the Israelites or Hebrews. The new Pharaoh, king of Egypt, did not know about Joseph and he did not like the Israelite people. The king and the people of Egypt mistreated the Israelites and put them to work as slaves. He even ordered that all newborn Hebrew boys be killed.

During that time a Hebrew baby boy was born and the parents hid their baby. The baby grew and began to make louder sounds. They were afraid the soldiers would find their child. So the mother made a waterproof basket, placed her baby boy inside, and placed the basket by reeds on the edge of a river. The baby's sister, Miriam, hid close by, watching him.

The king's daughter arrived to take a bath. The princess saw the basket, opened it and saw the baby crying. She felt sorry for him and decided to keep him. The baby's sister went and got their mother. The princess gave her permission to nurse and take care of the baby until he was bigger. The baby grew and went to live with the princess in the palace. She gave him the name of Moses. Many years passed and Moses grew to be a man.

One time Moses became very, very angry and turned against and killed an Egyptian who was being mean to a Hebrew slave. Moses fled when he heard the king was angry with him. Moses went to live in the land called Midian and took care of Jethro's flock.

Many, many years passed. One day, Moses was taking care of Jethro's flock when he saw a bush on fire. It was burning but it did not burn up. He did not understand what was happening, so he went closer. God spoke and told Moses to take off his sandals. Moses obeyed. God told Moses to return to Egypt and to help the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt and go to a good land He promised them. Moses trusted God and obeyed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.