

## A Protective Family

General Topic: Out of Slavery to Nationhood

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### Lesson Text: Exodus 2:1-10

Background Scripture: Exodus 1 and 2

*(Exo 2:1) And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. (Exo 2:2) And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. (Exo 2:3) And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. (Exo 2:4) And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. (Exo 2:5) And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. (Exo 2:6) And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. (Exo 2:7) Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? (Exo 2:8) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. (Exo 2:9) And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. (Exo 2:10) And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.*

### Lesson Objectives:

To show the student that God divinely orchestrates the live of His children.

### Questions to Ponder:

**What would it be like to live with the fear of someone wanting to kill you?**

**Where would you go if you had to flee for your life?  
Why?**

**What do you think would go through your mind if you suddenly found out you were adopted?  
In what ways do you take steps to protect your children?**

### Teaching Tools:

Word puzzles may be developed from the following site: [www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com). Also, [www.dtlk.com](http://www.dtlk.com) has several visual aids that may be beneficial, as well as [www.kidssundayschool.com](http://www.kidssundayschool.com) which provide other helps for teaching.

Bible Journaling may be an interesting way to involve older teens in self-expression of the lessons they are taught. Visit [www.lifeway.com/Articles/how-to-start-bible-journaling-in-six-easy-steps](http://www.lifeway.com/Articles/how-to-start-bible-journaling-in-six-easy-steps) to find ways to use this valuable tool to learn and reinforce Scripture.

Movie Clips are a wonderful teaching tool to further explain or create topics of discussion for a variety of age groups; [www.wingclips.com](http://www.wingclips.com) provides clips divided by movie title, category, scripture, or theme. Clips may be accessed on any electronic device.

### The Lesson:

Imagine how your life would change if the president were to issue an edict to kill all the male children of a certain age. This is exactly what the knew Pharaoh of Egypt did as he became fearful of the growth of the Israelites in his nation. He had no prior relationship with them, did not know of the relationship between his predecessor and the nation of Israel. All he knew was the fear of being overtaken by them, as he watched them grow exponentially. In an effort to impede their growth, he made slaves out of them, but they continued to increase. He also increased the burden of their enslavement; however, his burden had no effect on their growth. Consequently, he decided to have all the Hebrew boys under two killed and attempted to enlist the support of two Egyptian midwives to help him; however, they feared the God of the Hebrews and refused. When approached by Pharaoh they told him that the Hebrew women were strong and did not require the assistance of a midwife when giving birth. Scripture records that because they revered and feared God, He multiplied their households, allowing them to have children of their own. This small fact cannot be overlooked. God supported their effort because they blessed Him by fearing and giving Him reverence. They postured themselves to be blessed!

**Outline: Exodus 2:1-4**

We are immediately informed that both of Moses' parents were from the priestly tribe of the Levites. His father's name was Amram and his mother, Jochebed. Prior of Moses, they had two children, Aaron and Miriam. This tribe was selected to speak the Words of God to the people. They intimately knew His expectations and were keenly aware of His laws, statutes, ordinances, and precepts. This group was close to God and were well informed of His expectations. Who better to receive the authority of rearing a godly child than two people from His hand selected tribe?

Knowing God with such intimacy, required them to live a life of faith. They sought and trusted God for children and believed that He would bless them. While the scripture does not record how long they waited, it does record that she had a child, it was a boy, and he was a goodly child. The word 'goodly' implies that he was a beautiful child, easy to look at, or as we might say 'easy on the eyes.' His beauty implied that he was selected by God for some future mighty work. At any rate, they held him close to them for three months. The first ninety days are crucial in the birth of a child, as they are crucial for appropriate bonding with the mother. Later, in this lesson, we'll discover that Jochebed was asked to nurse him; having bonded with her for the first ninety days of his life, she was not a stranger to him and he was not fretful as she nursed her own child.

In order to provide protection from those seeking little Hebrew boys to kill, his mother was able to successfully hide him in a miniature ark, made of reeds (bulrushes), covered in a mud like slime, soaked in pitch (tar) that would easily send it down the river. The little boat was heavy enough to sustain his weight; yet, light enough to carry him along the river bank. His sister, Miriam, carefully watched, as the little ark floated along, so she could provide a report of what happened.

#### ***Outline Exodus 2:5-10***

***Know that God has perfect timing.*** His Sovereignty allows Him to use whomever He chooses, whenever He chooses, however He chooses, for a divine purpose and spiritual end, such was the case in the life of Moses. Pharaoh's daughter came to take a bath, while her maidens walked along side the river, no doubt, to protect her. She noticed the ark and sent one of the maids to gather it. She opened it and saw the child; he was crying. Now, who can't look upon a crying child and lack empathy? She immediately had compassion on him and proclaimed that he was one of the Hebrews children. Of course, we are not told how she knew, but we do know that when God has His hand in a situation, miraculous

things do happen. Believers need to invoke His presence in every aspect of our lives.

Since she was standing close by, Miriam asked if she could go and find a nurse of Hebrew descent to nurse the child and was granted permission. She sought her mother, the child's own mother, to not only nurse, but be paid to take care of her own child. Only God, who knew His plan and purpose, could have orchestrated this situation, perfectly.

Pharaoh's daughter brought the child into her home and reared him as her own. Of course, this position would give Moses certain benefits. He would learn how the kingdom operated and would know all of Pharaoh's military strategies. This information would serve him well when he returned to deliver his people from their 400-year bondage.

Pharaoh's daughter named the boy, Moses, which in the Egyptian meant born; however, in the Hebrew it meant drawn out. Moses would be drawn out of the millions of Hebrew males to deliver them from their oppressors.

#### ***In conclusion:***

The most important take home message of this lesson is that faith moves the heart of God. His parents had faith to put their boy in an ark, not knowing where he would end up, but assured, by faith, that God would provide and protect him. He ended up in a most unlikely place with the Pharaoh's daughter, who continued to protect him and kept him from being needlessly killed. If you think about it, among all the two-year-old and younger Hebrew boys, he was one of a few that survived a bloody scene. The Egyptians feared they would be overthrown by the Israelites. Moses went from rags to riches; from poverty to wealth; but still had connection with his family and upbringing. I'm sure during nursing time, his mother shared some of his Hebrew life with him, perhaps swearing him to secrecy, as they would have all been killed. Ultimately, the enemy loss again. I have to give him credit for his relentless effort. He knows that he losses; yet, he continues to fight against God; which he'll continue to do until Christ returns.

***We must keep believing Jesus!*** God has a plan for your life and it's all good! I think the hardest thing to do is to follow Him because our flesh continual tells us that we have to see the way. However, the faithful can easily avoid this trap of disobedience by submitting themselves to Christ and learning how to trust Him more, over and over.

We must experience God to have firsthand knowledge of His faithfulness. Thanks be to God that He is reliable and trustworthy for the just shall walk by faith!

***Be Salt! Be Light! Be Blessed!***  
***We love us some y'all!***