

MOSES

Making the Bible Come Alive

The protected

WHO WAS THIS PERSON?

- Moses was the son of Amram and Jochebed (Exodus 6:3). He had a sister, Miriam, and a brother, Aaron. Aaron played a key role as Moses' spokesman and, later, as high priest.
- Moses was born to the Hebrew people who were slaves in Egypt.
- Moses was born into the house of Levi: a tribe of Israel.
- Moses was hidden in a basket that was then dropped on a river called the Nile to escape the slaughter ordered by the king.
- Moses was raised in the king's court by Pharaoh's daughter. There he learned to read and write which enabled him to later write the first five books of the Bible.
- Moses lived in luxury like an Egyptian prince.



WHAT IS THIS PERSON KNOWN FOR?

- This true story takes place many years after Joseph. In fact, it happened about 200 years later!
- He was hidden for three months to avoid being killed by the Egyptians, as Pharaoh had ordered all Hebrew sons to be killed.
- When Moses became too old and it became impossible to hide him any longer, his mother, Jochebed, put him in a basket made of "papyrus" and placed him among the reeds by the river.
- Pharaoh's daughter went down to the river to bathe and saw the basket with the baby inside.
- She met Miriam, Moses' sister, on the riverbank and asked her to find a wet nurse. The nurse she found was Moses' mother.
- She took pity on the baby and asked that he be cared for and spared from Pharaoh's order.
- When the child grew up, he became the son of Pharaoh's daughter and was named Moses, which means "to pull out from the waters ». (Exodus 2.10).
- Moses was thus raised and educated as an Egyptian and had a comfortable life growing up in Pharaoh's palace.





- Amazingly, this unscathed Hebrew son eventually delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

WHY DO YOU THINK THIS PERSON HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN GOD'S STORY?

- **God uses ordinary people to accomplish his purposes.** The Hebrew people became so numerous in Egypt that Pharaoh began to fear them. He thought that if an enemy attacked, the Hebrews might join forces with that enemy and conquer Egypt. To prevent this, Pharaoh ordered that all newborn Hebrew boys be killed by the midwives to prevent them from growing up to become soldiers. Out of loyalty to God, the midwives refused to obey. They told Pharaoh that Jewish mothers, unlike Egyptian mothers, gave birth quickly before the midwife arrived.
- **God's presence as Saviour was evident in Moses' early life.** Moses' parents saved him from death by hiding him in a basket on the Nile.
- **God's rescue of Moses is a precursor to a greater salvation.** The basket is a symbol of the ark, which carried Noah and his family to safety when God destroyed the wickedness on the face of the earth. Noah's ark and Moses' basket represent the salvation of Jesus Christ. Noah and Moses were made safe in the ark, just as we are made safe by Jesus Christ, who descended into death for our salvation.
- **After being saved by Pharaoh's daughter,** Moses was raised by his own mother, which introduced him to the God of Israel. Although Moses had a privileged life in the Egyptian royal court, he never forgot his Israelite heritage.
- **History repeats itself.** Just as Moses was pulled out of the water, God would later pull the Hebrew people out of the water, the Red Sea, to save them from the pursuing Egyptians.
- **God will do what is necessary to accomplish his purpose of redemption.** Author Ryken wrote this, "At one point in history, God's entire plan to triumph over evil was going down the Nile in a small papyrus basket." Seeing God's hand behind Moses' salvation, we can conclude that he was the conductor. The basket arrived at the exact moment the young princess discovered it. The right person discovered the baby at the right time and entrusted him to his own mother to nurse. These things are not a coincidence. God was clearly working to save

this child and place him in a strategic position in Egypt. God wanted to deliver the Israelites. By saving the Israelites, he saved humanity through Jesus Christ who was a Jew. We can be sure that God will fulfill his purpose of redeeming all those who trust him through Jesus. Even if sometimes we don't see a way out, by faith, as with Moses, God will act to save us.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Pose the following two questions to your children, one at a time. Allow for interaction and discussion, letting them share their thoughts while you guide the conversation.

- What life lessons can I learn from this Bible character about how I should and should not live?
- Based on what I have learned from this Bible character, how can I live in a way that is pleasing to God.

MORE IN GOD'S WORD

Challenge yourself to find five minutes each day for a week, to quiet your spirit, finding a spot where you are not distracted, and practice just listening to God and being in tune with Him. Take your Bible to that quiet place. Use some of that time to pray, and some time to just meditate on His Word. Keep your ears and your heart open to what God is wanting to say to you. It's not a matter of IF He wants to talk to you. He does want to speak. But, He also wants you to be ready and positioned for listening, so you can actually hear in your heart what He is saying. Then, respond in obedience with a heart that is open to what God would have you to do. God called Samuel three times. How many times is He calling you? The more you spend time in His presence, the less He will have to try calling you over and over again. Maybe you will hear His voice the very first time He calls!





