










PARSHA FOR PRESCHOOL

Parsha Shemot "Names" Exodus/Shemot 1:1-6:1



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NAMES

Exodus/Shemot 2:1-10

Yochebed had a  and she hid him from  for  months.  day, she took a  and put the  inside. She put it in the . Pharaoh's daughter found the  and the . She loved him and named him Moses.

## Parsha in a Nutshell

The Israelites had lots of babies. Their people grew and grew. They were strong and filled the land. The new Pharaoh did not like that. He did not remember Joseph. He made the Israelites into slaves. Pharaoh made them work very hard. Pharaoh wanted to kill all the baby boys.

One day a Levite woman named Yochebed had a baby. It was a boy. She hid him from Pharaoh's soldiers. She hid him for three months and then she had an idea. She put the baby in a basket. She put the basket in the river. The basket floated down the river right to the palace.

Pharaoh's daughter found the baby and the basket. She adopted the baby. She named him Moses. When Moses grew up, he saw the soldiers beating a slave. Moses killed the soldier. Then he ran away. He went far away to Midian. He met his wife there. Her name was Zipporah.

The Israelites were not happy in Egypt. They cried to YHVH. YHVH spoke to Moshe. He appeared to Moses in a burning bush. He told Moses to go back to Egypt and talk to Pharaoh. Moses obeyed YHVH. Moses' big brother Aaron went to meet Moses. Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh. They told Pharaoh to let the people go. Pharaoh did not do what Moses said. Pharaoh did not do what YHVH said. Pharaoh made the Israelites work harder.

YHVH promised to set Israel free.

## Something Fun to Try

**Let's Hide the Baby!** (based on Moses' mother hiding him)

What you'll need: a plastic toy baby, an empty squirt or spray bottle filled with water, a container of shaving cream, a dish basin or small plastic bin

What to do: place the baby in the basin/bin. Cover the baby with shaving cream. Encourage the child(ren) to use their hands to really spread the shaving cream around and hide the baby very well. Next, use the squirt bottle/spray bottle to uncover the baby. Repeat as desired covering and uncovering. The whole time, remember to reinforce how Moses' mother hid him from Pharaoh's soldiers and how Bithia found him in the reeds.

