

Moses Part 1: Moses is found by an Egyptian princess

This story begins long, long ago in the land of Egypt. The story starts with a mother and her baby. She was a young Jewish woman and she had a little baby son. Her son was very precious and she loved him very much, but she was afraid that she would not be able to keep him safe. Pharaoh, who was the king of Egypt, didn't like the Jewish people and he ordered his soldiers to throw all Jewish baby boys into the River Nile.



The boy's mother managed to hide her baby for three whole months, but she knew that she would not be able to hide him from Pharaoh's soldiers forever. Then she had an idea. If she left her baby in the reeds that grew at the side of the river, perhaps someone would find him and give him a nice, safe home to grow up in.

She got a basket made of reeds and lined the inside of it with clay and tar so that it would not leak. Then she carefully wrapped her baby in blankets, laid him in the basket and put it among the reeds growing along



the bank of the river. She was very worried about what would happen and so she asked her daughter, a girl called Miriam, to wait and watch. Miriam, who was the baby's sister, found a safe hiding place not too far away and settled down to see what would happen.

Before long, Miriam saw Pharaoh's daughter and the ladies who were her servants walking towards the banks of the river. They were coming to bathe. As Pharaoh's daughter got closer to the river, she heard a sound coming from the reeds. She bent down to see what it was. She picked up the basket and peered inside.



"Oh look! It is a beautiful little baby boy," she called to her servants. "The poor little thing is crying."

The servants all rushed forward to see the baby.

"It is a little Jewish boy," one of them said. "We can't just leave it here crying," said another.

At that moment Miriam came out of her hiding place and stepped forward.

"I know a Jewish woman who could look after that baby for you. Would you like me to bring her here?"

"Yes please," said Pharaoh's daughter, who had already decided that she would like to keep the baby and bring him up as her own son.

Miriam brought back her mother, who was also the baby's mother. Not realising who this woman really was, Pharaoh's daughter asked the baby's mother if she would look after the little boy until he was older. The baby's mother was so happy that she was going to be able to bring up her own baby after all.

That is how Pharaoh's daughter came to adopt a little baby Jewish boy. She called him Moses, and he grew up safe and happy in Pharaoh's magnificent palace. Not only that, he was looked after by his own mother.

Task

Illustrate this story in 3 pictures.

Underneath each picture write what is happening.