

## ***Script – Baby Moses Is Kept Safe***

**Narrator:** The new Pharaoh called his leaders together.

**Pharaoh:** [concerned] Did you know that there are more Hebrews in our country than our own people? If they go to war against us, they might win. Lets make them our slaves.

**Narrator:** The leaders agreed. Pharaoh talked to the nurses also.

**Pharaoh:** [sternly] There are too many Hebrews in Egypt. I want you to kill every boy Hebrew baby as soon as it is born. You may let every girl baby live.

**Narrator:** The nurses did not like this evil plan. Secretly, they decided not to obey the king's evil plan. Later, a Hebrew woman named Jochebed gave birth to a tiny baby boy. She smiled as she held him in her arms.

**Jochebed:** [speaking to baby] We will hide you from Pharaoh's soldiers. Your sister Miriam and you brother Aaron will help care for you.

**Narrator:** As the baby became bigger and stronger, his cry became louder too.

**Miriam:** [speaking to baby, in a hushed voice] Please don't cry!

**Narrator:** Miriam would shake a clay rattle or try to make funny faces to turn the baby's cry into laughter.

**Miriam:** [to herself] It is hard to keep him quiet now.

**Jochebed:** We cannot hide the baby any longer.

**Miriam:** [worried] But what can we do?

**Jochebed:** [softly] You will see.

**Narrator:** Jochebed began to weave some long reeds into a basket shape.

**Jochebed:** God will take care of him.

**Narrator:** Jochebed covered the outside of the basket with a coating of tar to make it water proof. She carefully laid soft cloths in the bottom of the basket to make a bed for the baby. She put the baby in the basket. When the baby fell asleep, she placed a thatched cover over the basket.

**Jochebed:** [to Miriam] Come Miriam, lets go to the river.

**Narrator:** Quietly Miriam watched as her mother placed the basket in the water.

**Jochebed:** These tall water plants will keep the basket from floating away. Stay here and pretend to play, but watch the basket carefully.

**Narrator:** Jochebed walked away leaving Miriam to watch the basket, gently floating on the river.

**Miriam:** [to herself, worried] I wonder if the baby will wake up and cry? Will the Egyptian soldiers find him?

**Narrator:** Miriam peaked through the tall reeds and watched as the basket rocked gently in the water. [scared] Then she heard footsteps and voices. She stepped back out of sight. Down the path came the Egyptian princes and some of her maids. Miriam did not know what to do.

**Miriam:** [to herself, scared] Will the princes find the baby? What will she do? Will she tell her father the Pharaoh?

**Narrator:** Miriam did not dare to move from her hiding place. The princes squinted her eyes as she looked out into the water.

**Princes:** [pointing] Isn't that a basket floating out in the water? [speaking to one of her maids] Please get it for me.

**Narrator:** Miriam was very still as the maid waded into the river. Miriam held her breath as she watched the maid pick up the basket and carry it to the Princes. The maids gathered around to see what was in the basket. When the cover was removed, the frightened baby began to cry loudly.

**Princes:** [picking up the baby] It is a little Hebrew baby! [excited and caring] Isn't he sweet! [holding the baby close] I think I will keep him. I will call him Moses.

**Narrator:** Quickly, Miriam ran to the Princes.

**Miriam:** [excited] Your Highness, would you like for me to find a Hebrew woman to be his nurse?

**Princes:** Yes, please do.

**Narrator:** Miriam ran as fast as she could to get her mother. Together, they hurried back to the Princes.

**Princes:** [to Jochebed] Take good care of this child. I will pay you well.

**Jochebed:** [smiling at the baby] I will give him special care.

**Narrator:** Proudly she held her son as Miriam danced beside her.

**Miriam:** Imagine, getting paid to take care of your own son! The Princes wants you to take care of your own son for her!

**Jochebed:** Now the baby is safe. God is taking care of him.

The End