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Bible Study:



Read Exodus 1:6-22; 2:1-10, and consider that through the many ups and downs in the young Israelite nation's history, God's faithfulness is unmistakable.

The gospel in the story:



The good news that God is a caring God who is rescuing humanity from the scourges of sin and evil is pointed to throughout scripture. The narrative of the birth of Moses repaints, and foreshadows the grand redemption plan. In Moses' infancy, he is spared from a watery death by an ark (pointing back to a previous act of God's saving grace on humanity). And though the Israelite nation is struggling in slavery and oppression, God is preparing a way for their delivery.

Application

Head: **What did we learn?**

Q: Why are the Israelites living in Egypt (rather than Canaan the promised land)? A: God used Egypt as a place of refuge for a time

Q: What happened to the Israelites while they were in Egypt. A: God allowed them to be fruitful and multiply and prosper

Q: Why does Pharaoh force the Israelites into slavery? A: He fears they will become too powerful and take over

Q: What does Pharaoh tell the midwives to do? A: Kill all the newborn male Israelites

Q: Do the midwives obey Pharaoh? A: No, they feared God and knew that was against His will

Q: What is Pharaoh's plan B? A: Have all the Hebrew baby boys thrown into the Nile River

Q: What does one Hebrew mother do to avoid Pharaoh's decree? A: Floats her son (Moses) in a basket in the river

Q: What becomes of baby Moses? A: He is discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, then after being returned to his mother to take care of for a short time, becomes the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Heart: **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live?**

Just as God watched over Moses, He promises to watch over all who put their faith in Him.

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

Though Moses' household became divided physically, they remained united Spiritually. God powerfully demonstrated how He was watching over Moses' household.

Heaven: **How does this help me share my faith?**

God chose the Nation of Israel to be a witness to His great power. Even in their sufferings, we know God was at work and never left the Israelites. We know that is true for us as well, and can witness and proclaim that God is good and faithful through all of life's ups and downs.