BIG IDEA: God watches over me.

Week 2

A Special Basket Boat



This lesson is based on Exodus 2:1-10 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 243, 244.



Mommy Jochebed and Miriam hurried down the path to the river. In their arms they held a basket. Inside the basket was something very special. *(Do you know what was inside?)* **Baby Moses was safely tucked inside! Mommy stopped by the river and lifted the lid of the basket. She kissed baby Moses on his rosy cheeks** *(kiss your child)***. She prayed that God would send His angels to watch over him. Then Mommy and Miriam gently hid the basket in the tall grasses.**

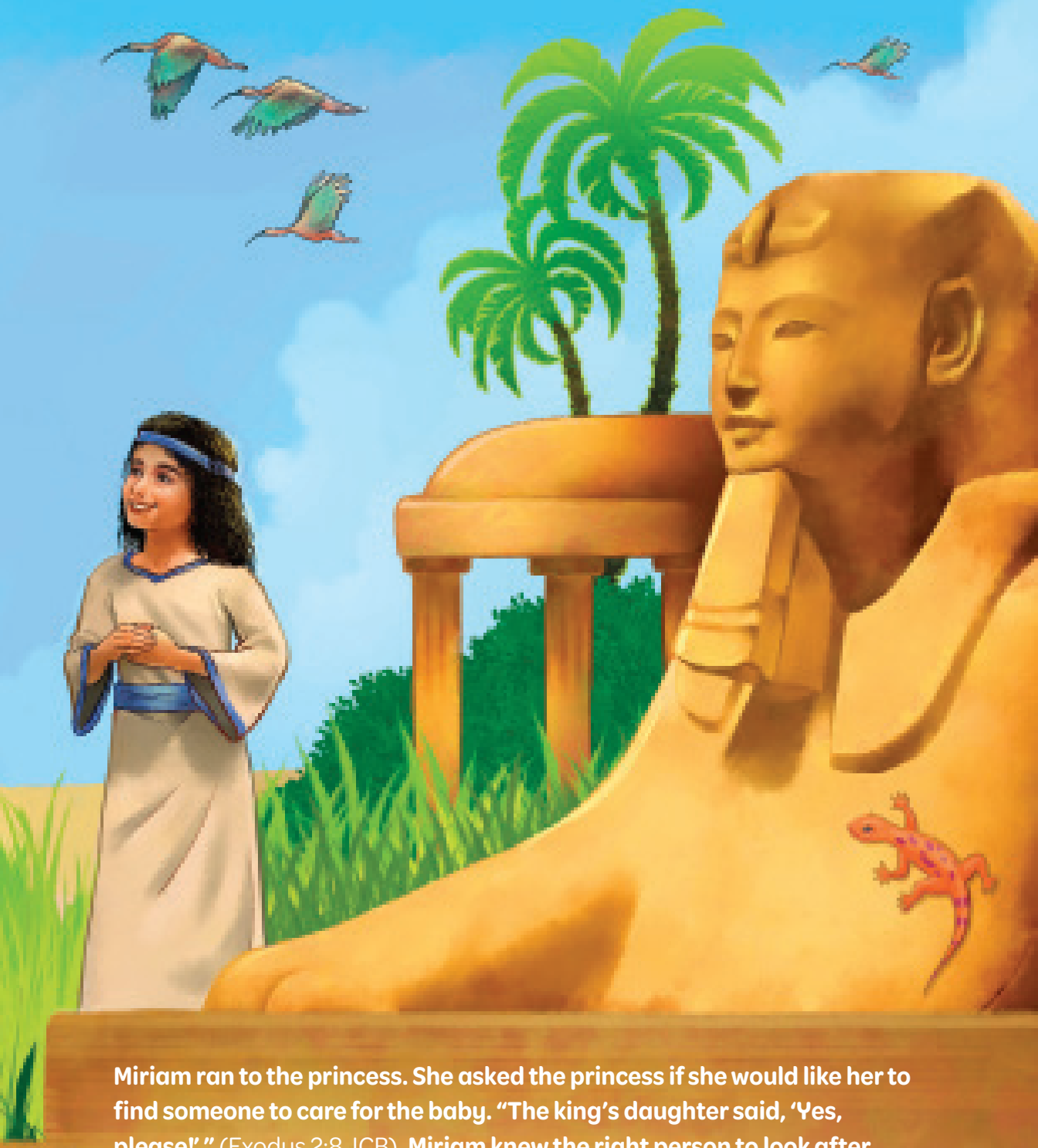
Miriam stayed by the river to keep watch over her baby brother. A soft breeze blew *(whoosh, whoosh)***. The water splashed at the edge** *(splash, splash)***. The birds sang in the trees** *(tweet, tweet)***. The little basket boat rocked gently on the water, this way, and that way** *(rock side to side)***. Baby Moses liked to be rocked. He fell fast asleep.**





Miriam didn't sleep. She watched her baby brother carefully. Then she saw someone coming to the river! It was the princess!

Miriam looked from her hiding place as the princess walked right to the basket and opened the lid. The princess smiled. What a surprise—a beautiful baby boy! Baby Moses started crying. The princess picked him up and cuddled him close *(cuddle your child)*.



Miriam ran to the princess. She asked the princess if she would like her to find someone to care for the baby. "The king's daughter said, 'Yes, please!' " (Exodus 2:8, ICB)**. Miriam knew the right person to look after her baby brother! She ran as fast as she could, all the way home to her mommy. Mommy Jochebed hurried back with Miriam to meet the princess. The princess was so happy to have a kind mommy to look after baby Moses. Mommy Jochebed was so happy that baby Moses was safe! God had answered her prayer.**



Mommy and Miriam laughed and sang songs to God all the way home. They held hands and knelt with Daddy Amram and brother Aaron. Together they thanked God for sending His angels to watch over baby Moses. God protects you too! He sends His angels to watch over you.

Thank You, God, for keeping baby Moses safe. *(Say together)* **Thank You for watching over me.**

play throughout the day

Create

Make an angel out of paper or cardboard. Decorate with colors and glitter. Place in your child's room where they can see it as they go to sleep. Say or sing the memory verse together each night.

Explore

Make a simple basket boat using foil, objects from nature, or a container. Place a tiny baby Moses in the basket and place in water (a puddle, pond, or the bath). Stop and listen to the sounds of nature—sounds that baby Moses might have heard from his basket boat. Talk about the angels who watched over baby Moses in his basket boat. Remind your child that God has an angel that watches over them too.

Sing

Find a lullaby, hymn, or other song about angels watching over us and sing it for worship each morning this week.



Discover

Re-create the scene of baby Moses in the basket boat on the river using everyday objects (e.g., use a blanket as the river). Act out the story using dolls and props from around the house. Talk about the ways God protected baby Moses on the river.

Pray

Thank God for sending His angels to watch over us. Pray that God will send angels to your home, and thank Him for His protection over your family.

Extension weekly memory verse: "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

For You, Parents

Do you ever get stuck in the day-to-day of parenting and lose sight of the big picture? Sometimes the dishes pile up, the laundry still needs to be folded, and crumbs from last night's dinner are still on the floor. The days go by slowly, toddlers have tantrums, and toys never quite seem to be put away. Sometimes you wonder if you're doing anything significant or eternal. It's easy to forget that, as parents, we play the biggest role in bringing our little ones to Jesus.

"The whole future life of Moses, the great mission which he fulfilled as the leader of Israel, testifies to the importance of the work of the Christian mother. There is no other work that can equal this. To a very great extent the mother holds in her own hands the destiny of her children. She is dealing with developing minds and characters, working not alone for time, but for eternity. She is sowing seed that will spring up and bear fruit, either for good or for evil" (Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 244).

The next time you look at your daily tasks with a sigh, remember that God has given you the most important job in the whole world. Jochebed shows us that the role of a praying parent has eternal results. When we give our children over to God, and work with Him in raising them faithfully, leaders are born, and God's work is accomplished.

As you approach this week, with all the overwhelming tasks and to-do lists, ponder these questions:

- *What can I do today to connect my child with their heavenly Father?*
- *How am I praying specifically for my child's character, their love and obedience to God, and their future?*
- *What reminders can I set in place to keep my eyes on eternal realities?*

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).