**Baby Moses and the River Story**

*Then Pharaoh gave an order to all of his people. He said, “You must throw every baby boy into the Nile River. But let every baby girl live.”*

[Pharaoh – the King of Egypt - gives a horrible law to kill all Hebrew baby boys. The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt at that time, and Pharaoh didn’t want all the boys to grow up and fight back]

*A man and a woman from the tribe of Levi got married. She became pregnant and had a son by him. She saw that her baby was a fine child. So she hid him for three months. After that, she couldn’t hide him any longer. So she got a basket that was made out of the stems of tall grass. She coated it with tar. Then she placed the child in it. She put the basket in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River.*

[A Hebrew woman gave birth to a son and hid him from the Egyptians for 3 months. To save her baby, she put him in a basket in the Nile River (which isn’t the nicest of rivers).]

*The child’s sister wasn’t very far away. She wanted to see what would happen to him.*

[The baby’s sister watched to see what would happen to her baby brother. Do any of you have baby brothers or sisters? What would you do/be feeling if that was you?]

*Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile River to take a bath. Her attendants were walking along the bank of the river. She saw the basket in the tall grass. So she sent her female slave to get it.*

*When she opened it, she saw the baby. He was crying. She felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.*

[Pharaoh’s daughter finds the baby. She must be a compassionate person because it says that she felt sorry for him. Who wouldn’t feel bad for a crying baby?]

*Then his sister spoke to Pharaoh’s daughter. She asked, “Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women? She could nurse the baby for you.”*

[What a brave girl! She, a Hebrew, went up to talk to an Egyptian! And not just any Egyptian! Royalty!]

*“Yes. Go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother.*

*Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby. Nurse him for me. I’ll pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him.*

[So the baby’s sister went to get the baby’s mother to take care of him. She was able to keep him longer, legally, and probably even got paid for it! God really had His hand on this situation!]

*When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter. And he became her son. She named him Moses. She said, “I pulled him out of the water.”*

[Moses was the baby in the basket!]