

GOD SAVES A BABY - Exodus 2

CAST: 2 mid-wives, Jochebed & Miriam, Israel men, Pharaoh, Pharaoh's daughter, servant girl, soldiers etc.

PROPS: Doll, basket, crown, tiara, robes, 2 white coats, towels

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NARRATOR:

Joseph and all his brothers died in Egypt. After many years the Israel people had increased and filled the place, but the new king of Egypt did not know Joseph.

PHARAOH:

Look, there are more Israelites than Egyptians and they're stronger than us. Come on, let's get smart. If they keep multiplying they will side with our enemies and fight against us then escape.

[Reads Law #1 then orders soldiers to round up Israelite men for work]

[Now reads Law #2]

[Now summons the Israelite mid-wives to the royal court and reads Law #3]

NARRATOR:

The mid-wives feared God and ignored the king's law.

PHARAOH to the mid-wives again:

Why have you let the boys live?

MID-WIVES:

The Hebrew women are stronger than the Egyptian women. They give birth before we can get there.

NARRATOR:

God was pleased with the mid-wives and made them houses.

PHARAOH reads Law #4

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Amram married Jochebed and she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who she hid for 3 months. When she couldn't hide him any longer she waterproofed a basket and put her baby in it.

She put the basket among the reeds beside the river while big sister Miriam watched.

Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe and saw the basket so she sent a servant girl to get it for her and opened the basket to see the baby crying.

Miriam came up to Pharaoh's daughter...

MIRIAM:

Do you want me to get one of the Hebrew women to feed the baby for you.

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER:

Go!

NARRATOR:

Miriam went and called her mother who came to see Pharaoh's daughter.

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER:

Take this baby and nurse it for me and I will pay you for it.

NARRATOR:

Jochebed nursed the baby then brought the child to Pharaoh's daughter when he had grown. He became son of Pharaoh's daughter and she named him Moses.

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER:

Because I drew him out of the water.

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LAW 1:

All Israelites are to work hard, building cities for Egypt.
If any refuse to work they will be whipped.
(Exodus 1:11)

LAW 2:

The Israelites are not working hard enough. They must make the bricks for all the buildings and they must do all our farming as well. If they don't – punish them!
(Exodus 1:14)

LAW 3:

Whenever a baby boy is born to an Israelite mother the nurse must kill it. Baby girls may live.
(Exodus 1:16)

LAW 4:

All Israelite baby boys who are discovered are to be thrown into the Nile River.
(Exodus 1:22)