

A Family Protected Its Baby

Unit 3 (February) Session 1 Wednesday 1st and Sunday 5th

Scripture Reference

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Memory Verse

1 John 5:3

Life Point

God wants family members to love and help one another.

Welcome!

"How may I help you?" "Happy to help!" "Can I help you with that?" Those are nice things to hear when you need a helping hand. Lightening someone's load and being helpful can encourage someone – and may even change that person's day for the better. During a difficult time, a family worked together to help one another when a new king declared that all newborn Hebrew baby boys were to be killed! Imagine being a parent of a forbidden baby boy. This was the situation one Hebrew mother found herself in when this new king came into power. For three months the mother kept her infant boy hidden, but soon she could no longer hide him. Desperate for a solution, she waterproofed a basket, placed her baby boy inside, and set him among the reeds of the Nile River. How heartbreaking! Surely, her heart was racing along with the thoughts in her mind! Did she wonder how long he would be able to stay in the basket? Would he get hungry? Did she hope someone would have mercy on this baby boy and take him in? As the baby's sister stood at a distance to watch what would happen to him, Pharoah's daughter noticed the basket and sent someone to bring it to her. She heard the baby crying and had compassion on him. Without missing the opportunity, the baby's sister offered to find someone to care for the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed. When the baby's sister returned with the mother, Pharaoh's daughter told her to care for the baby, and she would pay her. This family worked together. How can you love and help your family, especially in times of trouble and hardship? Reminds kids that God's plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their families. Help children name specific actions they can do to honor God as they love and help their families.

Activities
Baby Face
Memorization Cards

Live It Out!
Baby Face

S.O.A.P.

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Observation:

Kids will be filling in the Super Sleuth Assignment page during Observation.

Application: Do you always find it easy to love and help your family members? Tell the kids that it isn't always easy, but that God can help. We can talk to God about anything at any time. We can also read the Bible to learn ways to love our families. Moses grew up and saved the Israelites from slavery. Jesus, like Moses, also delivered people from slavery, but Jesus came to save people from being slaves to sin.

Prayer:

Give the kids time to pray by themselves. After about 30 seconds close in prayer: We thank you God for families. We ask that you help us to love, respect, and help one another – especially those in our immediate families. Give us opportunities to show love and help our family members this week.

Memory Verse:

"In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands."

1 John 5:3

Find the verse in your Bibles. Explain that this verse tells a way we can show our love for God – by doing what He commands us to do. Obedience is an example of how we show God's love. Write the verse in your Memorization Card Holder.

ACTIVITIES:

Bible Skills:

Baby Face (hangman) – use books of the Bible.

Intro Activity - None

Live it Out! Reprise or play "Baby Face" (hangman) with words from story and/or books of the Bible.