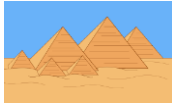


Rescued From The River

Spotlight
From Home

Challenge

From the clues below, see if you can work out which country our story takes place in.



That's right, Egypt! Before we look at this story, we need to rewind about four hundred years. Do you remember Joseph? The man with the colourful coat. His brothers were so jealous of him that they sold him as a slave. Eventually, Joseph ended up in Egypt and became Pharaoh's most trusted adviser. God gave Joseph a plan to help the Egyptians survive a terrible famine. Pharaoh was so grateful that he invited Joseph's family to come and live in Egypt.

Now fast forward to our story! Joseph's family had become millions of people – the Jewish nation. Pharaoh was worried. If the Jews decided to team up with Egypt's enemies, they could easily defeat them. So, Pharaoh came up with a cruel plan; he made them slaves. Even worse, he commanded that every Jewish baby boy should be thrown into the river Nile.

One Jewish family kept their baby boy hidden as long as they could, but it was too dangerous to keep him hidden in their house. (If you have a baby brother or sister you probably know they cry ... loudly!). His mum-put him in a basket and hid him amongst the reeds along the riverbank while his big sister kept an eye on him from a distance. Would he be safe?

Fishing Challenge

Step 1) Tie some string to a big spoon or spatula.



Step 2) Pour some water into a saucepan and place a few toys you don't mind getting wet into the pan.



Step 3) Try to get the toys out of the pan. You are only allowed to hold the string, you can't touch the spoon.



Step 4) Have a competition in your house to see who can get all the items out the quickest.

Make sure you ask an adult what equipment you can use.

After a while, The Princess of Egypt, Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to wash. She saw the basket, looked inside and saw the little Jewish baby boy. What should she do? The Princess felt sorry for the baby, but she couldn't tell Pharaoh about him.

Just then, the baby's sister approached the Princess. "Would you like me to find someone to look after him for you?" she asked. The Princess agreed. And guess who was asked to look after him? The baby's own mum! The Princess gave the baby a new name, Moses.

God had a plan for Moses' life and kept him safe from the danger. Christians believe God has a plan for our lives too. "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11). That's wonderful good news!



Craft

Paper Basket Weaving

What you need: 3 sheets of A4 paper (preferably coloured), scissors, ruler, pencil, glue or sticky tape

Step 1: Fold one of your pieces of paper in half widthways. This piece will be the base. From the folded edge draw 7 lines 2.5cm apart across the paper that stop 1.5cm from the opposite edge of the paper.



Step 2: From the folded edge, cut along the lines you drew, making sure you stop 1.5cm from opposite edge. Then unfold the piece of paper



Step 3: Cut the other 2 pieces of paper widthways into 2cm strips



Step 4: Take one of the strips you just made and starting from one end of the base piece of paper weave your strip through. Going over then under each of the sections on your base paper. Once you have gone all the way across secure the paper in place at each end with either glue or tape. (Glue gives a tidier finish.)



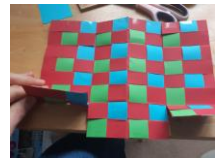
Step 5: Take another strip of paper (I used two alternating colours) and again weave it through the base. If you started over with the first piece of paper start under with this one so that you create the checkerboard effect. Again once weaved secure in place at both ends.



Step 6: Repeat steps 4 and 5 until you have filled in the base.



Step 7: Cut a line from the long edge of the paper 2 sections from each corner that goes two sections into the weave. This will help you to fold the weave into a basket



Step 8: Fold into a basket shape and again secure in place with either the glue or tape.



Step 9: Use one of the leftover strips to create a handle for your basket.



Help Moses find his way to the Princess

