

God Recycles

Exodus 2:1-10

The Big Idea: God uses everything for our good.

Read the passage

Story Summary for Children:

After Pharaoh ordered all of the Israelite baby boys to be thrown into the Nile, one mother had a baby. She loved her baby boy and did not want to see anything bad happen to him so she hid him so nobody would know he was there. But after a little while he got too big and loud to hide so she decided to try to save his life another way. She made a basket and put him in the basket and then set him to float in the Nile River. But she didn't leave him alone, she sent her older daughter to go watch and see what happened to him. After floating for a while, the baby was found by Pharaoh's daughter. Pharaoh's daughter felt bad for the baby and wanted to help him. The baby's sister knew that Pharaoh's daughter couldn't take care of the baby so she asked if she should go get a woman to nurse the baby. Pharaoh's daughter said yes and the baby's sister went and got her mother to take care of the baby. When the baby grew a little older, the boy went to live with Pharaoh's daughter as her son. Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses because she had taken him out of the water.

Family Story Discussion Questions:

1. What is the name of the baby in this story? (Moses)
2. What was supposed to happen to Moses? (He was supposed to be thrown in the Nile)
3. When his mother could hide him no longer, what did she do with Moses? (*She put him in a basket and put him in the Nile*)
4. Who took care of Moses after Pharaoh's daughter found him? (His birth mother)
5. Did this story have a good or bad ending? (Good, because he lived, he had a family, and his mother still took care of him)
6. Do you think good things happened to Moses on accident, or was it God's plan?

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think bad things happen?
2. Do you think God makes bad things happen?
3. Do you think God likes it when bad things happen?
4. What do you think God wants you to do when bad things happen?
5. What does God do with bad things? (He recycles them—makes trash into something good)
6. Who can we trust to help us when bad things are happening? (God)

Memory Verse: *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”* Romans 8:28

Parents: Tell your children about a way that you have seen or currently see God working things for good in your family’s life. Tell them how you trust God when bad things happen.

Parents: Watch for times that God is working for good in your family’s life and tell your kids. Make them aware of how God is working.

Family Activity: Pray together and thank God for how He works in your lives. Thank Him for protecting you and that you can always trust Him to help you in times of need.

A Look Ahead: Next week the passage is Ex 2:11-25 and the Big Idea will be, “When we are in trouble, God takes care of us.” Ask your family, “Who takes care of you when you are sick and why?” You may also want to read next week’s passage with your child and start explaining the story.