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### Big Idea – God Grows His People


Pharaoh tries to stop God's people from growing too numerous, but God protects them and raises up a rescuer for them.

We are going to see that God's promise to grow his people cannot be stopped. He is powerful to protect and has raised up a rescuer for us.

### READY? Let's Pray!

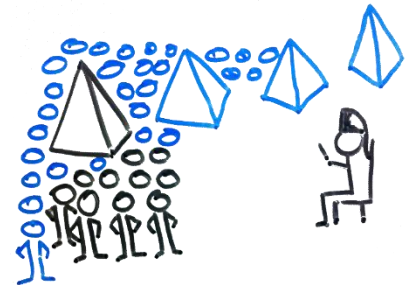
Dear God, help us to listen well as we learn about you today. AMEN

### Bible Story – Exodus 1:1 – 2:10

 We are starting a new Series of sessions today, looking at the book of Exodus and the story of Moses. If you have been working through Joseph then you will need to begin by bridging the previous session to thing one. The first 7 verses of our Bible Story today do the best job of that. Reading from a child-friendly version like the International Children Bible will also help.

Tell the story using simple stick people drawings to illustrate Pharaoh's three strategies and God's counter to each. To do this, divide the page or board into three. If drawing isn't your thing there are example drawing below.

Scene 1: Jacob's family growing in Egypt. Draw a single pyramid and a number of stick people. Add Pharaoh and a number of other pyramids as you discuss the forced labour strategy. *Do you think this will stop God's people from growing?*



Add a good number more stick people to the scene.

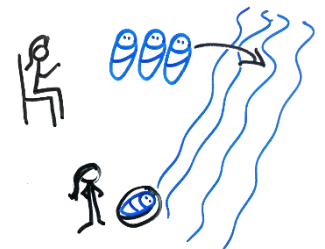


Scene 2: Pharaoh telling midwives to kill baby boys (explain what a midwife is). Place a tick above the girl and a cross above the boy. *Do you think this will stop God's people from growing?*

Draw a red cross over Pharaoh to show that the midwives did not listen to him. Replace the cross above the baby boy with a tick.

Scene 3: Pharaoh commands that all baby boys be thrown into the river.

*Do you think this will stop God's people from growing?* Introduce Pharaoh's daughter and draw Moses being taken from the river by Pharaoh's own daughter.



Once you have told the story, tell your children what this story teaches us about God. Use the *Big Idea* to help you with this. Try to keep this short and simple. *Who do you think the rescuer is, in this story?*





**Activity Time** – Choose any combination of *Game, Craft or Song* that works for you. **Don't miss out on Round Up or Prayer!**

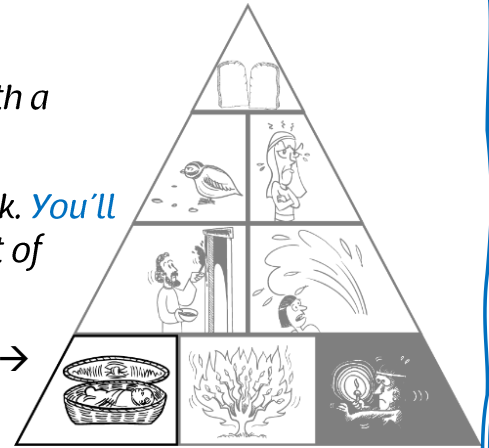
### Craft... Overview Picture

This term each week we will be making an Overview Picture with a different part of the pyramid to decorate however you want.

You will be adding one building block to the pyramid each week. **You'll find today's piece on page 3 of this session.** Ensure that the sheet of paper you use as a background is big enough for all the pieces.

The whole pyramid with today's piece shown in bold, is here →→

The first picture is Moses in his basket and should remind the children in subsequent weeks of this first session.



### Game... Building Challenge

Divide into two groups, or two teams. Give a number of groups each the same number of building blocks. Tell them that their task is to see who can build the tallest tower. They only have one minute to do this. Repeat the same task three times. Take note of which team wins which of the tasks.

Tell the children that in today's true story from the Bible, the King of Egypt tried three times to win a battle against God.

### Song... Every Step – Nick & Becky Drake

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5\\_HwE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5_HwE)



### Round Up What might stop someone from keeping their promise?

Suggestions could include; they might change their mind; they might forget or they might not be powerful enough to do what they said they would. Someone else might stop them from doing what they said.

*What had God promised to do for his people? God promised to grow his people a long time before this. Had God forgotten his promise or changed his mind? Was Pharaoh more powerful than God?*

The promise of today's lesson is that God will continue to grow the number of his people (those who love and trust Jesus). God is on our side. God never forgets. There is no-one more powerful than God.

Throughout history God has grown his people in various parts of the world despite opposition. You could watch Noah's Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbQ1-h0PF8> as an example of this.



**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you that Your promise to grow Your people cannot be stopped. Thankyou that we have a rescuer for us in Jesus AMEN.

