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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 does the best job of that. Reading from a child-friendly version like the International Children Bible will also help.

Remind your children that God started to make a special people for himself with just one man, Abraham. He promised to give Abraham land, a huge family and happiness (blessing) for the whole world. Over the next seven weeks, we are going to see how God started to do what he had promised to do when he spoke to Abraham many years before.

Tell today's story from Moses' mother's perspective. You will need a baby doll, a basket (can be a shoebox appropriately coloured), and a strip of blue paper or cloth to be the river.

You will need to work at making the character believable. A safe way to craft a story that is faithful to the Bible is to read through the text, making a note of all the verses that speak of something that Moses' mother could definitely have known or reasonably been aware of. Using those facts, craft her testimony.

You will need to highlight the **3 ways** in which Pharaoh tried to stop God's people from growing and the way God spoiled Pharaoh's plans.

[1 – Enslaved the people, 2 – Midwives to kill the baby boys, 3 – All baby boys to be thrown into the river]

*Do the children think any of these things will stop God's people from growing?*

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!**

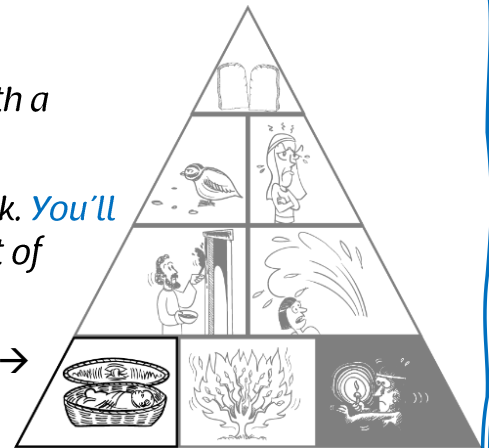
### Craft... Overview Picture

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

Think of a relevant example of a promise that someone might make to a child in your group.

*What might stop that person 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? Had he 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.



**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.

