

The Connection

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Together



Together we can continue to make sure that children hear the stories of the Bible and of God's love and promises! Together let's keep doing kid's ministry at the time our kids need it most.

Weekly Bible Verse: "This is my command: Love one another."
John 15:17 NIV

Love One Another - In Action

Bible Focus: John 15:9-17

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have

told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.



Bible Story: A Baby in a Basket
Exodus 1-2:10

Joseph was a dearly loved ruler in the kingdom of Egypt. His faith in God had saved the country from famine and the people from starvation. Joseph's family moved to Egypt and prospered. They were called the Israelites. Joseph and his brothers eventually grew old and died, but his descendants continued to enjoy life in Egypt. Pharaoh also grew old and died. A new Pharaoh took over as the King of Egypt. This new Pharaoh did not know about all the good things Joseph had done. He noticed that the Israelites had become a large nation within Egypt and he worried that they would turn against the Egyptians, start a war, and possibly even take over the kingdom. He and his advisors decided that something must be done. They caused the Egyptian people to hate the people of Israel. They made them work as slaves, beating them, and making them work hard in the fields and making bricks for the new cities that Pharaoh was building. But even through this, the people of Israel continued to thrive and prosper. This made Pharaoh even angrier. One day Pharaoh decided to get rid of all the Israelite baby boys. But . . . A woman named Jochebed and her

Husband, Amram, had a baby boy. They knew that it was wrong to kill their new baby. They loved the baby and cared for him for three long months hoping that he would not be discovered by Pharaoh. When they could hide him no longer, Jochebed gently laid her baby inside a basket and placed him in the river. They wanted to save him from the wicked Pharaoh. They loved and trusted God to find a way to make that happen. Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket and opened it. "I want to keep you," the princess whispered. She



named him Moses because she pulled him out of the water. Miriam, the baby's big sister had been watching nearby. She said to the princess, "I know a woman who can help you take care of the baby." So Miriam ran to get her mother (Jochebed). Jochebed was so happy! When Moses was a young boy, Jochebed returned him to the princess who adopted him as her own son. God worked out a marvelous situation. Moses, the slave child, grew up in the palace of Pharaoh!

Special Points of Interest:

Watch the YOUTUBE story Baby Moses and Love one another :

- Lettuce Us Love One Another - Veggie Tales
- Berenstain Bears Book - Love One Another
- Baby Moses - Saddleback Kids

Additional Pages:

Coloring Page - Baby Moses
Moms in the Bible - Matching
Mother's Day Activities (2 pgs)



"I Wonder" questions for Today's Lesson

I wonder how Jochebed felt as she placed the baby in the river. What do you think she talked to God about?

I wonder what Miriam was thinking as she watched the baby in the basket?

I wonder what was going through Pharaoh's daughter's mind when she found the baby?

I wonder how Jochebed felt when she gave the young boy back to the princess?

history of Mother's Day

- What was Mother's Day first called? (Mothering Sunday)
- Who organized the day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community and called it "Mother's Work Day"? Anna Jarvis in 1908
- What country started Mother's Day. (The United States)
- What president established the holiday? (Woodrow Wilson)
- What day is always recognized as Mother's Day? (The 2nd Sunday in May to publically confess love and honor for the moms in our country.)
- What year was the celebration started? (1914)

Things to Talk About . . .



- Moses' mother loved Moses so much that she was willing to give him up, hoping that he would be able to live. Jesus sacrificed his life out of love for all of us. Has anyone you know ever made a sacrifice out of love?
- God will never leave us. Even when the Hebrews were living in Egypt and were slaves, God cared for them. God was with them and he had a plan. When we are afraid, God can help us by giving us courage. God is with us. He sees, He hears, He knows, He remembers, He acts! How have you seen God acting in your life? How can you put God's love in action?
- What is something hard you have been asked to do? What helped you? How could God help you?

