



**EXODUS**  
THE WAY OUT

Exodus 2v1-25

**THE BABY IN THE BASKET**

# Last week...

- **A growing people**



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**V6-7:** Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, <sup>7</sup> but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

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**V11: So** they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

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**V22:** Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

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**... she hid him for three months.**



## Scene 1: Safe in a basket

**V3:** But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.



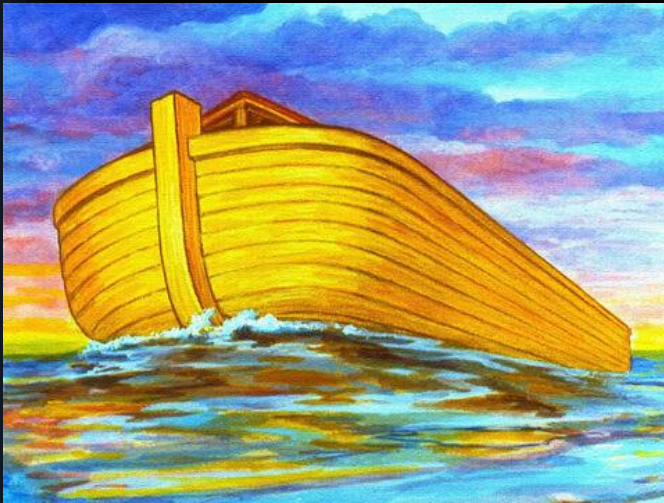
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V8: “Yes, go,” she answered.

So the girl went and got the baby’s mother.

# Scene 1: Safe in a basket

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## Scene 2: On the run

**V10:** When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

## Scene 2: On the run

**V11-12:** One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.<sup>12</sup> Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

## Scene 2: On the run

**Acts 7v23-25:** When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. <sup>24</sup> He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup> Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

## Scene 2: On the run

**V15:** When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.



## Scene 2: On the run

*“Moses acted in his own strength,  
according to his own wisdom and by his  
own timetable”*

## Scene 3: A promise remembered

**V16-17:** Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

## Scene 3: A promise remembered

**V22:** Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.”

## **Scene 3: A promise remembered**

**V23:** During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

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*Remember = 'time to take action'*

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*We who know the end of the Exodus story could well ask why it was forty years before Moses came back? To this perfectly natural and understandable question, no answer is given. The Lord expects his believing people to wait for him with patience.*

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## **Scene 3: A promise remembered**

**2 Peter 3v9-13:** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



## Scene 3: A promise remembered

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

## Scene 3: A promise remembered

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

## Scene 3: A promise remembered

<sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

