

LESSON 8: MOSES
from Exodus 1:1 to 2:15

Joseph and his brothers grew old and died in Egypt. Their children had children, and their children had children, until the land was full of Israel's descendants. (Israel is another name for Jacob, who was Joseph's father.)

By now, there was a new king who had never heard of Joseph and how Joseph had saved all the people of Egypt when there were seven years without crops. The new king said, "There are more of Israel's people than there are of our people. They might try to take over our country. I don't want them to become greater than us."

So the king made all the people of Israel work hard at building big cities and in the fields. The bosses used violence to make the people work hard. The people of Israel kept having more children. They were becoming a big nation, and the people of Egypt did not like them.

The king told the nurses to kill the baby boys when they were born. The nurses did not obey the king, but let the baby boys live. The king then told all the people of Egypt to throw the baby boys into the river.

A man named Amram and a woman named Jochebed had a baby boy. They loved him and did not want him to be killed. They hid him in a basket in the river so that he would not be found.

The king's daughter found the basket. She did not kill the baby as her father had commanded, but she felt sorry for him. She adopted the boy, named him Moses, and raised him as a prince.

When Moses was grown up, he saw how the people of Egypt were mean to the people of Israel. One day, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his relatives of the people of Israel. Moses looked around and when he thought no one was looking, he killed the Egyptian.

The king found out what Moses had done, and wanted to kill Moses. Moses ran away.

Circle all correct answers.

1. The new king of Egypt did not like the people of Israel because:
 - A. The people of Israel were mean to the people of Egypt.
 - B. He was afraid the people of Israel would take over his country.
 - C. He was jealous of Joseph, the hero.
 - D. He had a dream about crops and was hungry.

2. In Egypt, the people of Israel:
 - A. Were forced to be slaves.
 - B. Worked in the fields.
 - C. Built big cities.
 - D. Had lots of children.

Fill in the blanks.

3. What did the king tell the nurses to do?

4. Did the nurses obey the king? _____

5. What did the king tell all the people of Egypt to do?

6. Who found the baby in the basket?

7. Did she obey the king? _____

EXTRA QUESTIONS (Lesson 8)

8. Read Acts 5:29

But Peter and the other apostles answered and said, "We ought to obey

_____ rather than _____."

9. Who in today's storied disobeyed the king?

10. Moses ran away after he killed the Egyptian. Some other people in the Bible also ran away or hid when they did something wrong.

Who lied to his father, tricked his brother, and then ran away to another country?

Who tried to hide in the garden after they ate fruit that they were commanded not to eat?
