

# WEEK 3

## Sister (Miriam) (Exodus 2:1-11)



## Connect



This activity is best done 2-3 days before the actual devotion.

Instruct the older siblings in the family to look for ways that they can help their younger siblings in any way. Examples include helping them get dressed, feeding them, playing with them, etc.

If you do not have any siblings, maybe you can look for ways to help another child in your neighborhood, or a friend from school.

After 2-3 days, sit with the kids and let them share what they have done. The following questions may help:

For the older siblings:

1. What did you do for your younger siblings ( or neighbor or friend)?
2. Did you enjoy what you were doing? Why?
3. Would you like to keep doing it?
4. What other things do you think you can do for them?

For the younger siblings:

1. Who helped you do some of the things you needed for this week?
2. Did you remember to say "thank you" to them?

It is always a good thing to be able to do things for others, especially when they need your help because they are younger and cannot do it themselves. Our story today is about an older sister whose bravery helped save his younger brother's life.



## Read The Word

Our story is found in Exodus 2:2-11.

*2 The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months.*

*3 When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.*

4 And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

5 Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it.

6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

It was a difficult time for baby Moses to be born in. His mother tried to hide him but could only do so for three months. At this time, his older sister, Miriam, was only about 7-12 years old.

When their mother placed the baby Moses in a basket by the river banks, Miriam stood watch nearby, making sure her brother was not harmed by anything or anyone. That is such a brave thing to do! If the Egyptian guards caught her, they will surely kill her baby brother and maybe even kill her.

Miriam did all she could to help protect her baby brother. Even if it was dangerous for her to do so, she obeyed her mother to stand watch over the baby. And eventually, the baby was saved when Pharaoh's daughter came to the river and Miriam offered her own mother to be the baby's nurse.

What an amazing sister Miriam is! She bravely obeyed her mother and in doing so, she saved her brother who would one day lead the people of Israel out of slavery. Like Miriam, we can also do things to help others, especially those who are not able to do it for themselves.

Let's keep our eyes open and ask God to help us see people who will need our help. They may be people from school, in our neighborhood, or even right inside our own homes. Let's help them even if it is not easy or convenient for us to do so.



#### **Parent to Kid**

##### **2-6 years old**

- Who would you like to help in your family? What do you think you can do for them?

##### **7-12 years old**

- Think of someone that you can help. What can you do for him/her?

#### **Kid to Parent**

- Share with us an unforgettable thing you have done for your siblings / friends.

Let us always be on the lookout for ways we can help others, whether our family, people from school or our neighborhood.





Dear God,

Thank you for the lives of our siblings, cousins and friends. May we always look out for them and help them in every way we can, in Jesus' name we pray,

Amen!



Another incident in the Bible where Miriam figured prominently was when the Israelites successfully made their way across the Red Sea. With tambourine in hand, she led the women as they sang and praised God in their victory.

Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/all-women-bible/Miriam-No-1>

