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A kind-hearted Princess

We all know the story of Moses. Thousands of years ago, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. But the time came when Yahweh knew it was time to raise up a man to lead them out. The Pharaoh, who was the powerful king over all Egypt, had made a decree to kill all the Hebrew male babies because the Hebrews were getting stronger and more in number, and boys could grow up to be strong men who could defend their people. So Moses' parents put him in a basket and sent him down the Nile river to save his life.



We don't know much about the Egyptian princess, Pharaoh's daughter. But we do know a few things. While her name is not even mentioned, the Bible specifically tells us that she took pity on the crying infant. So at the very least, she

must have been a compassionate woman. The Princess even named him Moses. She took the baby in, and raised him as her own son. In doing so, the princess was obviously defying her powerful father, Pharaoh. While it is, of course, not right to defy our parents, Yahweh's hand was in this situation. He wanted the princess to save the baby's life, because one day Moses would lead the Hebrews out of Egypt under Yahweh's guidance.

We also know that Moses received a prime education in Egypt. In that day and time, Egypt was considered to have the most advanced education in all the world. The knowledge that Moses gained no doubt helped him to be the man he turned out to be. His "Egyptian princess" mom probably had a strong hand in his training!

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"Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

Exodus 2:9-10 NLT

Do you remember?

Read pages 1 and 4 before answering these questions.

1. What was the Egyptian princess known for?
 - A. Her many servants.
 - B. Her heavy eye makeup.
 - C. Her jewelry.
 - D. Her compassion

2. Pets were popular in Egypt. Which one in particular?
 - A. Cats.
 - B. Gold fish.
 - C. Horses.
 - D. Goats.

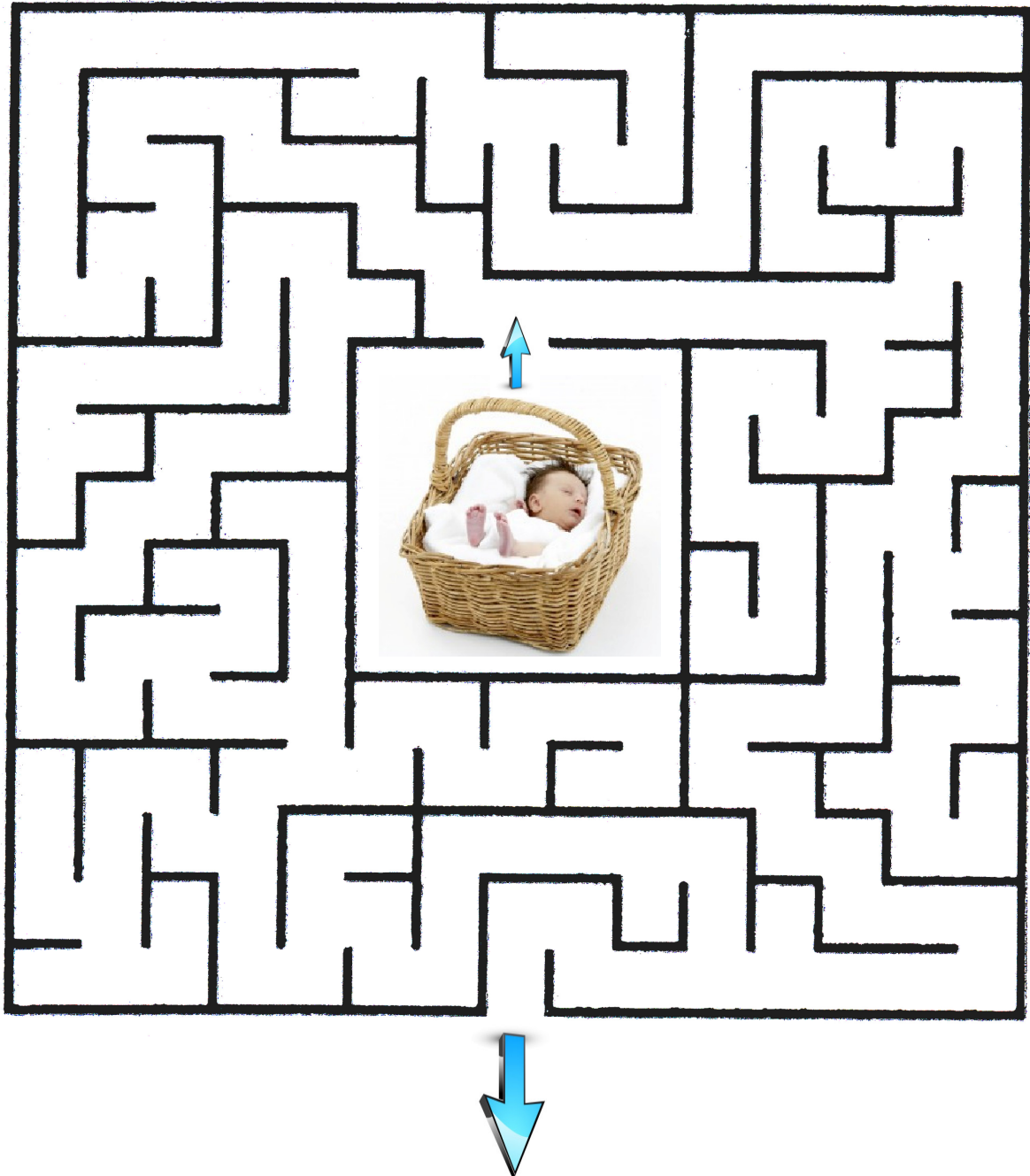
3. Why did Pharaoh order the killing of the Hebrew baby boys?
 - A. He hated all children.
 - B. The Israelites were getting stronger and more numerous.
 - C. He was probably afraid that the Hebrew boys would become strong and defend their people when they got older.
 - D. B. and C. are correct.

4. What did life revolve around in ancient Egypt?
 - A. Loud celebrations.
 - B. The Nile River.
 - C. Worshipping many deities.
 - D. Both B. and C.

5. One of the reasons Yahweh led His people out of Egypt was that:
 - A. He wanted them to only worship Him.
 2. He did not want His people to be slaves.
 3. He had big plans for His people.
 4. All of the above.

Baby Moses in a basket!

Help the basket float to the Egyptian princess that would draw Moses out of the water.



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This is what the Israelites had to put up with!

Since the Israelites lived in Egypt for so many years, it makes sense to learn about what their lives were like. Life was not always easy as slaves and it was so good that Yahweh saved his people. Here are some basic facts about ancient Egypt:

—Life in Egypt revolved around the Nile river. The yearly flooding of the great river nourished the soil and brought good harvests and wealth.

—Some reputable sources say the Egyptians worshipped up to 8,700 different deities. No wonder Yahweh wanted the Israelites out of there! The Bible says we are to worship only one Mighty One—Yahweh only! Plus Yahweh did not want His people to be slaves and He had big plans for them.

—Most people in Egypt lived in mud-brick houses.

—All classes of men, women, and children wore makeup, especially heavily lined eyes. They made black eyeliner by using ground lead ore, which they blended with oil and applied to the eyes with small sticks. Next time you see a picture of Egyptian hieroglyphics, notice the eyes of the people! Aren't you glad that you didn't have to live in ancient Egypt?

—Everyone also wore lots of jewelry! The wealthier people in society wore gold, silver and precious stones. The poor of Egyptian society mostly wore copper jewelry.

—Egypt had monumental architecture such as the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx.

—Rainfall was scarce—only 1 inch would fall per year. That is why they depended on the yearly flooding of the Nile river, which was caused by rain in the mountains in the south.

—The Egyptians had pets! Cats were extremely popular. Who doesn't love a soft, cuddly kitten, right?

—Here is a small list of items that were invented in ancient Egypt that people still use today: paper, high-heeled shoes, fly swatters, and writing pens!

