

Exodus 2:1-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Birth of Moses

1 About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. **2** The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. **3** But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. **4** The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

5 Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. **6** When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.

7 Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked.

8 "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother.

9 "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.

10 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,^[a] for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

Footnotes:

a. **2:10** *Moses* sounds like a Hebrew term that means "to lift out."

Questions

1. Why do you think the mother of Moses mother put him in a basket and into the Nile river?
2. Who was watching to see what would happen with Moses?
How did she interact with the Pharaoh's daughter?
3. What was the result of the mother of Moses giving up her baby?
4. Moses would eventually lead his people out of slavery in Egypt.
Explain how this is like what Jesus will do for his followers.
5. What do you need to be delivered from?
Explain how Jesus can deliver you.