

A very brave sister

Miriam's story - Exodus 2:1-10

Key words

Miriam - hurray

Baby – cry

Pharaoh boo

Soldiers – quick run!

Miriam (hurray) was very excited. She was looking forward to the birth of her baby (cry) brother or sister. She was excited but she was very worried as well. You see, Miriam (hurray) lived in Egypt many years ago. She was an Israelite, and the Egyptian Pharaoh (boo) did not like the Israelites. He made them work as slaves building his cities and he had given orders that every baby (cry) boy born to an Israelite mother must be killed. Every day the soldiers (quick run) would patrol the town listening for the cries of the Israelite babies (cry) and they would take the boys away.

The day came and the baby (cry) was born. It was a baby (cry) boy! Miriam (hurray) looked along the street as her mother hid the baby (cry) away. The soldiers (quick run) passed by the house and didn't find him. But Miriam (hurray) knew that they couldn't hide the baby (cry) forever. One day he would be found. Everyday she prayed to God that the soldiers (quick run) would not find him

A few weeks later Miriam's (hurray) mother told her that she had a plan to keep the baby (cry) safe. Miriam (hurray) went to the market and bought a basket. Then her father covered it in tar and her mother put a soft blanket in the bottom. They put the baby (cry) inside and, while Miriam (hurray) kept watch for the soldiers (quick run), they went to the river.

Now in those days people didn't have bathrooms or showers, they washed in the river and everyday Pharaoh's (boo) daughter would bathe in the river just close to where Miriam's (hurray) parents had taken the baby (cry).

Sure enough the princess came along with her servants and started to wash . Miriam's (hurray) parents took the basket and pushed it out on the water. It drifted in the bulrushes just close to the princess. The baby (cry) started to cry. The princess heard him and sent her servant to fetch the basket. When she opened it the baby (cry) stared at the princess with his big blue eyes. Even though he was an Israelite baby (cry) she couldn't help falling in love with him straight away.

Just then Miriam's (hurray) mother told her to walk along the river bank. She came near the princess. Miriam (hurray) plucked up all of her courage.

"I can find someone to look after the baby (cry) for you if you like," she called to the princess. "Then when he is older he can come to live in the palace with you."

"What a good idea!" said the princess. "I think I will call him Moses, because he came out of the river. Fetch someone who can look after him for me."

Miriam (hurray) ran off and fetched her mother who took the baby (cry) and looked after him until he was a fine young boy. The soldiers (quick run) left them alone because they knew that the baby (cry) Moses was now the princess's baby (cry).

When Moses was 10 his mother took him to Pharaoh's (boo) palace where he lived until he was grown up. Miriam (hurray) was sad to see him go, but very happy that he was safe.