



St John the Evangelist, Bexley  
Part of the Bexley Team Ministry

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Stories Jesus Heard

# Toddler Church Fun!

## This Week's Story: The Boy in the Bulrushes

Jacob's descendants, the *Israelites*, lived in Egypt for many generations after Joseph, and grew in number over time.

One day a new Pharaoh was crowned who decided there were too many Israelites, so he made them slaves - forcing them to build the great Egyptian cities.

One Israelite mother kept her baby hidden from Pharaoh's forces, but by the time the baby was three months old he was too difficult to hide.

So the woman made a basket and placed it in the tall bulrushes by the river. When the king's daughter came to the river to bathe she found the baby boy in his basket and felt sorry for him. She took him home to the Pharaoh's palace and adopted him as her own son.

She called the baby *Moses*.



*Toddler Church activities will be sent out every week during the current Coronavirus emergency. Feel free to send them on to other families you may know.*  
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**Activities** (Examples and resources are on the next pages):

**Make a Pyramid:** Building for the Egyptians was hard and tiring work for the Israelites. Our template for a pyramid is a little easier to make!

**Eat a Pyramid!:** When Jewish people remember the story of Moses they eat foods which symbolise parts of the story. Use the recipe to make coconut pyramids, like those the Israelites helped build!

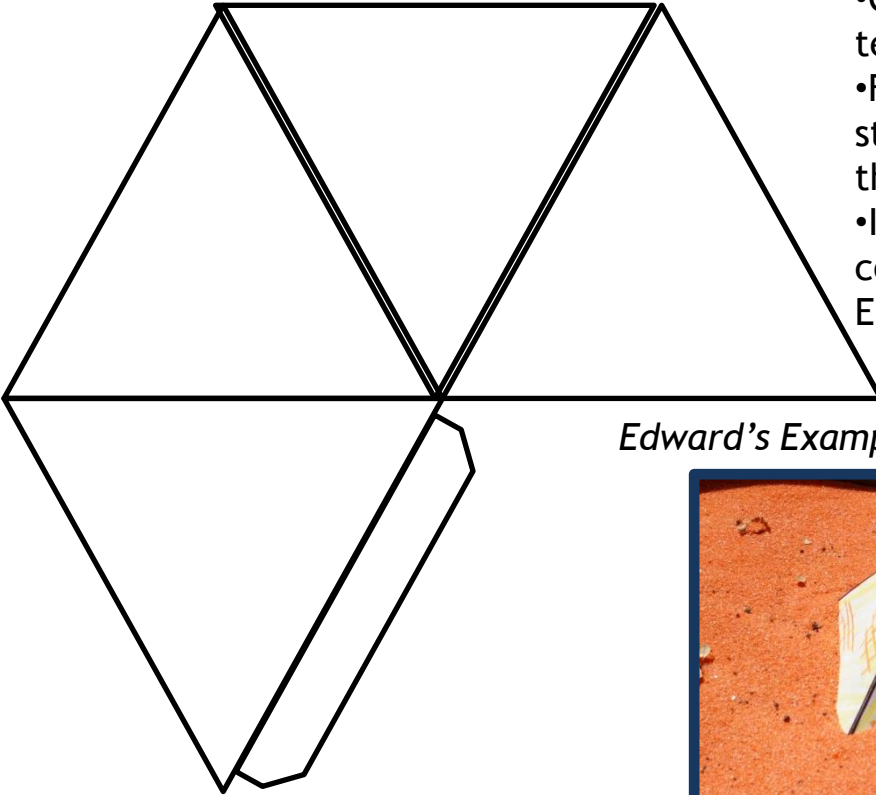
**Weave Moses' Basket:** Follow the instructions to make a basket like the one Moses was found in.

**Find Moses!:** Cut out the pictures for a jigsaw showing how Pharaoh's daughter found Moses.

### Prayer:

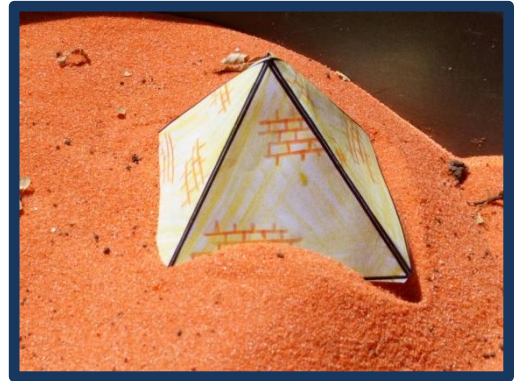
Father God,  
You protected Moses in the Bulrushes  
And gave him a safe home.  
Look after all children in the world  
Whose families are living in fear. **Amen**

## Make a Pyramid:



- Cut out and decorate the template.
- Fold along the joins and stick the tab to the inside of the pyramid.
- If you have a sandpit, you could create your own Egyptian desert!

## Edward's Example:



## Coconut Pyramids:

### You will need:

- Oil
- 225g Desiccated Coconut
- 140g Caster Sugar
- 2 eggs (beaten)

Makes 12 Pyramids



### IMPORTANT!

Hot cookers, sharp knives and boiling water are all very dangerous! Make sure an adult is supervising you in the kitchen at all times!



### What to do:

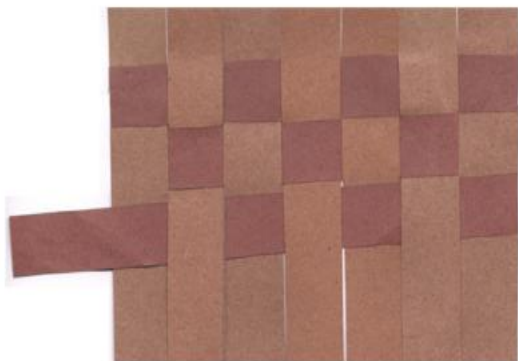
- Preheat the oven to 190°C/ Gas Mark 5.
- Lay a sheet of baking paper on a baking tray and grease with oil.
- Mix all the ingredients thoroughly to make a paste.
- Form the mixture into little pyramids about 5cm square (this may be easier if you wet your hands with cold water first).
- Bake the pyramids for about 15 minutes until golden brown.
- Allow to cool before eating!

**Find Moses:**



**Moses' Basket:**

- Cut strips of paper of equal width.
- Lay half the strips side by side and glue the ends onto another strip.
- Now weave each remaining strip under and over.
- Repeat until your weave is as big as you want it to be.
- Ask an adult to help fold it into a basket-shape (it doesn't need to look like the one in the picture).
- Baby Moses can be made from rolled paper bound in a narrow strip to look like swaddling.



*Pauline's Example*

