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THE
PRINCE
FROM THE
RIVER



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Prime minister Joseph was dead! All Egypt shared his family's sadness. God had used Joseph the Hebrew to save the

country from famine. He was a wise and beloved leader. Now he was gone.



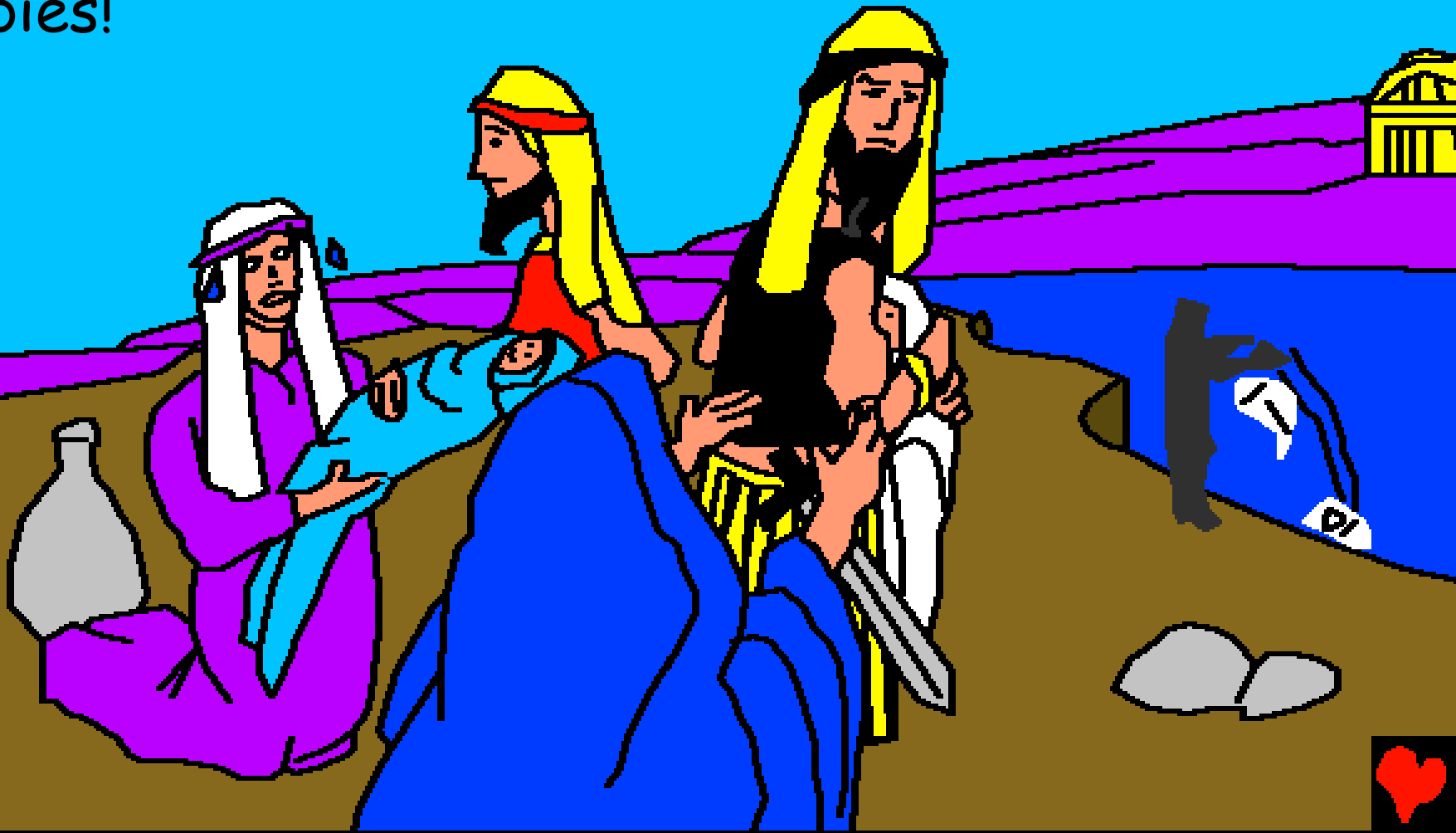
Over three hundred long years passed. Joseph's people, the Hebrews, had become a mighty race within Egypt. The new Pharaoh feared the Hebrews might turn against him, so he made them all slaves.



Pharaoh treated the Hebrews cruelly. He forced them to build great cities. But no matter how hard he worked them, the Hebrew slaves continued to grow in numbers.



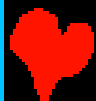
One day, a dreadful command came from Pharaoh. "All new-born boys must be thrown into the river Nile." Wicked Pharaoh was determined to reduce the number of Hebrews. He would even murder babies!



"What can we do?" the family must have wondered. They decided to put the child in the Nile River. But he would be inside a snug, water-tight basket.



Carrying its precious cargo, the small basket-boat floated among the reeds. Whatever would happen to the tiny baby?



From a distance, the baby's sister watched the precious basket as it bobbed gently among the reeds.



Suddenly Pharaoh's daughter and her servants came to the river to bathe. There was no way to hide the basket. Perhaps they would walk by without seeing it.



"Oh! A basket.
There, in the reeds.
I wonder what's
inside." Pharaoh's
daughter commanded
her servant to fetch
the basket. When
she opened it - the
baby started to cry.
"It's a Hebrew
child," the princess
exclaimed.



"Poor little thing. You're so beautiful." Probably Pharaoh's daughter talked to the baby the way many grown-ups do. She may even have said "Ootchie-kootchie Koo-ums" - in Egyptian, of course.



God must have given special wisdom to the baby's sister. She ran to Pharaoh's daughter. "Shall I find a Hebrew woman to look after the baby for you?" "Go ahead," was the reply. Who do you think the girl ran to fetch?



"Mother! Come quickly! Oh, hurry!" Perhaps the girl didn't have time to explain. Together, the two raced back down the footpath.



Back at the river, Pharaoh's daughter held out the baby. "Nurse him for me. I will pay you. Call him Moses." Moses may be Egyptian for water-son.



So Moses was returned to his parents and home. They taught him to love God and the Hebrew people. Soon he would live in the palace with Pharaoh's daughter. God, Who saved his life, had a great future planned for baby Moses.



The Prince From the River

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Exodus 2

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin.

The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so that I can have new life now, and one day go to be with You forever. Help me to live for You as Your child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every day! John 3:16

