

### Bible History Puzzle 34

The Israelites were very unhappy in E\_\_\_\_\_t. Pharaoh and the devil were determined to wipe them out. First there was the incredibly hard work they had to do every day and then the soldiers were taking their baby b\_\_\_\_\_ and drowning them. It made them cry out to the Lord more and more.

In one of the houses of the Israelites lived a man named Amram and his wife Jochebed. They had two children, Miriam, a 13 year old girl, and Aaron, a little 3 year old b\_\_\_\_\_. One day a new baby was born in their house, and oh, they were so afraid when they saw that it was a boy! The soldiers were looking for each baby boy!

“Don’t tell anybody,” the parents said. “We will hide him.” Miriam and Aaron listened and never spoke about their new little b\_\_\_\_\_r.

But as the baby grew, he became louder. Sometimes he c\_\_\_\_\_d so loud that he could be heard out in the street.

“This isn’t going to work anymore. We will have to do something,” the parents decided. They believed the Lord would help them and they p\_\_\_\_\_d to Him.

Jochebed went down to the river. She picked a large pile of reeds from the river bank and brought them home and wove a b\_\_\_\_\_ out of the reeds, braiding it tightly and covering it with pitch so no water would be able to get into it. Finally, she tenderly kissed her little son and laid him in the basket. She closed the lid and walked outside with Miriam and the basket. Carefully, the mother placed the basket in the water of the r\_\_\_\_\_, hiding between

the reeds along the edge. Do you think they were afraid? What if an animal came up out of the water or what if the soldiers found him?

Miriam stayed behind, hiding in the reeds, to keep an eye on the basket. Her mother went h\_\_\_\_\_. What do you think she did? Don’t you think she went home and prayed to the only One Who could help them?

A little while later Miriam heard voices approaching. It was the princess with a whole line of her servants following her. She was going to take a bath in the river.

Suddenly Miriam heard the princess call out, “Oh look at that basket! Bring it to me!” Miriam must have thought of the princess’s father, the pharaoh who was trying to k\_\_\_\_\_ all the baby boys! But when the princess opened the basket and found the baby, she felt pity for the poor little Israelite boy. “I am going to keep this baby and raise him as my s\_\_\_\_\_,” she decided.

Miriam stepped out of the reeds. “Would you like me to find a woman to nurse him for you?” she asked.

The princess agreed that she would need a nurse and Miriam hurried home to get her m\_\_\_\_\_. Can you imagine what it was like for that mother to hold her own little boy again and realize she could take care of him for a couple more years and he was not going to be killed? She must have praised and thanked the Lord that night. The L\_\_\_\_\_ had a plan for this baby!

