



DAY 1 - GOD OF WONDERS: A DELIVERER IS BORN

Q&A Discussion Guide



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Q1a: Who sold Joseph into slavery?

A1: Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.

Q1b: Have you ever gone to school and forgotten your lunch or lunch money?

TN [Teacher Notes]: Not knowing how we are going to get food when we are hungry can be scary. In Joseph's story, farmers and ranchers, people who rarely ever had difficulty feeding themselves and their loved ones, were in danger of starving. Because God had warned Joseph of the coming famine, Joseph planned ahead ensuring that the people of Egypt and surrounding areas, including Joseph's family in Canaan, would have enough food to get them through the years of bad crops. God has a plan, and if we need to do something to make sure that His plan is realized, He will find a way of letting us know; in Joseph's case, God gave him strange dreams.



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Q2a: Why did the new pharaoh force the people of Israel into slavery?

A2: The new pharaoh forced the people of Israel into slavery because he was afraid they were becoming too powerful.

Q2b: Have your parents ever told you that you can't stay up later until you are older?

TN [Teacher Notes]: Our parents make decisions like this not to make us mad, but out of concern for our well-being. They want to make sure that we're getting enough sleep so that we have energy to do all the things we need to do throughout the next day. Pharaoh's decision to force the people of Israel into slavery was not made with the people's well-being in mind; pharaoh made this decision out of fear and for his own peace of mind. In our case, we just need to wait until we reach the determined age. In the case of the people of Israel, even though they didn't know it, there was a time limit on their situation as well; God had a plan to free His people from slavery.



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Q3a: What was to be done with baby boys born to the Hebrews?

A3: The new pharaoh ordered that baby boys born to the Hebrews be thrown into the Nile River.

Q3b: Would you ever make your favorite kind of sandwich and throw it away before even taking a bite?

TN [Teacher Notes]: No way! We would eat it or give it to someone else. Now ask what students would do if an authority figure told them to throw away their uneaten sandwich. We would be more likely to do it, but we might feel sad or even angry. Why would they make us do something so unnecessary? The people of Israel were in a much more serious situation. Their babies were being taken away and killed. God saw their pain, and His plan to save them was about to launch into action.



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Q4a: What did the Hebrew woman do with her baby boy?

A4: The Hebrew woman hid her baby boy for as long as she could.

Q4b: If you had to hide your favorite stuffed animal, where would you put it?

TN [Teacher Notes]: Putting it under our beds or in our closets could be good spots. But think about what the baby's mother had to do to keep her baby from being discovered. Babies are noisy, and they keep mothers busy, so she might not be able to do her normal daily routines. Keeping a baby hidden and safe would be a difficult job!



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Q5a: Where did the mother put the baby in the basket?

A5: The mother put the baby in the basket into the Nile River.

Q5b: Your dog just had puppies, but you can't keep them. Would you be comfortable giving them away to strangers?

TN [Teacher Notes]: It's difficult to let go of things we love, especially when we don't know how things are going to turn out. The baby's mother had two choices: trust God to take care of her baby, or hold on to him herself and potentially face the consequences of being caught with a baby and breaking the law. Could God have made His plan work if the mother chose to keep the baby? Absolutely. We can never make a decision that will remove us from God's grace and love. If she had done that, this story in the Bible would read differently, but it would end the same way because God's plans will always work out the way He wants. While the story doesn't give us this information, the mother must have felt led to carry out this plan of making a basket and putting it in the river. How difficult it must have been for this mother to carry out this decision! No matter how hard it is, when we know it's the right thing to do, we just have to let go, and let God take care of everything.



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Q6a: What was the name of the baby's sister?

A6: Miriam was the baby's sister.

Q6b: Would you be allowed to walk alone to your best friend's house if you had to cross busy streets?

TN [Teacher Notes]: Crossing busy streets can be dangerous, so our parents probably would not want us to go alone. Miriam was a protective big sister, and she wanted to make sure that her baby brother was safe and that someone found him. Letting a baby float down a river alone is dangerous, but letting a baby float down the Nile River could have been deadly. The Nile River is filled with all kinds of dangerous things, such as crocodiles, hippopotamuses, and snakes. She was going to follow her brother's basket until she knew he was safe.



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Q7a: Why did the princess decide to name the baby Moses?

A7: The princess named the baby Moses because she drew him out of the water.

Q7b: You just won \$100, but if you give up the \$100 prize, you get the chance to win an unknown prize. What do you do?

TN [Teacher Notes]: Let students answer. Giving up a sure thing seems like a bad idea. The other prize could be something we don't want or something not as valuable as what we already have. In this story, we heard of a mother giving up her baby so he could have a chance at life. We also learned that Moses gave up his life as an Egyptian royal to gain a treasure only God could provide. When presented with situations in which we have to give up something in order to gain something from God, we will never be disappointed with the trade. Nothing this world offers can compare to the blessings God offers us!