



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE
Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

INSIGHT

October 4 – Miriam

Scripture:

Let us sing together:

Lord, I give you my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZGzu6oI9b4>

Memory Verse:

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

Reading from the Bible: (Read with me)

Exodus 2:1 – 10 NIRV

Miriam protects her Brother, Moses.



1 A man and a woman from the tribe of Levi got married.

2 She became pregnant and had a son by her husband. She saw that her baby was a fine child. And she hid him for three months.

3 After that, she couldn't hide him any longer. So she got a basket made out of the stems of tall grass. She coated the basket with tar. She placed the child in the basket. Then she put it in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River.

4 The child's sister wasn't very far away. She wanted to see what would happen to him.

5 Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile River to take a bath. Her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket in the tall grass. So she sent her female slave to get it.

6 When she opened it, Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby. He was crying. She felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

7 Then his sister spoke to Pharaoh's daughter. She asked, "Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women? She could breast-feed the baby for you."

8 "Yes. Go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother.

9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and feed him for me. I'll pay you." So the woman took the baby and fed him.

10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter. And he became her son. She named him Moses. She said, "I pulled him out of the water."

Message:

Let's talk about it:

The story of Miriam is one of faith and loyalty. Miriam is determined to protect her baby brother, Moses. The first we see of Miriam is that as a protective big sister. Are you protective to your younger siblings? When we think about it, Miriam's life was certainly different from what we know. In today's lesson, we are looking at the child Miriam.

The Israelites were slaves to the Egyptians. Remember the lesson we did on Joseph, and how he was sold as a slave to Pharaoh? Well he succeeded in bringing the Israelites to Egypt. They were not slaves then, but many years later, the Pharaoh became very jealous of them and eventually made life very hard for them. The Israelites became slaves to the Egyptians.

Miriam lived in the slave quarters of Egypt, with her younger brother Aaron and her parents. Her parents were godly people who trusted the God of Israel.

Pharaoh made an order that all newborn baby boys were to be killed. Can you suggest why he was killing baby boys? If there are no baby boys to grow up into men, there will be no babies.

Pharaoh ordered that all baby boys must be drowned. Now Miriam was a child. Her mother was pregnant when this order was given. Well after the baby was born, and it was a boy, Miriam's mother did all she could to keep the baby a secret. I am certain that Miriam and Aaron helped. Can you think of ways that they helped to keep this baby quiet?

Eventually, there came a time when it would be difficult to hide the baby. Miriam's mother had a brilliant idea. She weaved a papyrus basket and coated it with tar and pitch, to make it waterproof. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the banks of the river Nile. Hold on, she did not leave him there alone. Miriam stood a distance away to make that he was always safe. Can you think of dangers that might have arisen?

Bingo! Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe. No indoor bathrooms like what you have today. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. She realized, of course, that it was a Hebrew baby.

Now Miriam being a smart girl sprang into action. She ran up to Pharaoh's daughter and asked if she could get a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. Only breast milk for babies, no milk in a bottle.

Well of course, you know who Miriam went for. The baby's mother was given the baby so that she could nurse him. And more than that! Pharaoh's daughter paid her to look after the child. When the child was old enough, Pharaoh's daughter took him as her own son. She named him Moses, meaning that she drew him out of the water.

This story shows that great things can happen when we truly trust God. Miriam came from a family that truly loved God. They put their trust in God that He will look after their baby boy, and Miriam the big sister was there to help. After all, Miriam was just a child who offered to look after her baby brother. Miriam trusted God and was loyal to her family.

Prayer for trust in God:

Dear God, I give you my heart, my desires, my life. I ask you to transform them and make me a stronger follower of Yours. I want to grow in my relations with You, but I realize that I need to trust You more. I pray that You will help me in my desire to connect deeper with You. O how I need you Lord. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen



Activity:

Unscramble the following words. Most of these words are in the Bible passage. Write your solutions in column B

	A	B
1	TOHBRRER	
2	VEILET	
3	RASYLVE	
4	IAMIMR	
5	EAKBTS	
6	OTLYLAY	
7	PARHAOH	
8	DHICL	
9	OMSTNH	
10	OTMHRE	
11	RWETA	
12	AEDTNANTT	
13	SREUN	
14	RRVEI	
15	MALEFE	
16	FITAH	
17	HTUEGADR	
18	WMONA	

I hope that you got all 18 correct. Check next week for the answers.

