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An Old Testament Story

Pharaoh's Daughter Adopts Moses

Q&A

Who drew the basket out of the water?

What name was the baby given?

Read more about it in Exodus 1 and 2

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Ten of Jacob's 12 sons were jealous of their brother, Joseph, so they sold him into slavery in Egypt. But God was with Joseph, who eventually came to work for Pharaoh and ruled all of Egypt for him.

When there was a terrible drought, some of Jacob's sons went to Egypt to find food and reunited with Joseph. Jacob and the rest of his family moved to Egypt, where they had a good life because of Joseph.

As time went by, Jacob's descendants greatly multiplied. Eventually, their good life turned bad when a new Pharaoh who had not known Joseph came into power. He did not look favorably upon the Israelites, so he enslaved them and ordered all of their male babies killed.

During this time, a Levite woman had a baby boy, and she hid him for three months. When she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket, coated it with bitumen and pitch, put the baby in the basket and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the Nile River.

The baby's sister stationed herself at a distance so



Think about it
When have you seen something that was wrong and tried to make it right? Write a short essay about it.

she could see what happened to her brother.

Just then, Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to bathe. She noticed the basket among the reeds and told her handmaid to retrieve it.

Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket and looked in. She was surprised to find a crying baby inside.

"It is one of the Hebrews' children," she said with pity.

The baby's sister saw what was happening, so she went up to Pharaoh's daughter.

"Shall I go and call one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" she asked.

"Yes, do so," Pharaoh's daughter said.

The girl went home and brought back her mother, who also was the baby's mother.

"Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will repay you," Pharaoh's daughter told the baby's mother.

The woman took the baby and nursed him.

When the child grew and no longer needed to be nursed, the woman brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him.

Pharaoh's daughter decided to name the child Moses because she drew him out of the water.



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Johnsburg Grads Honored

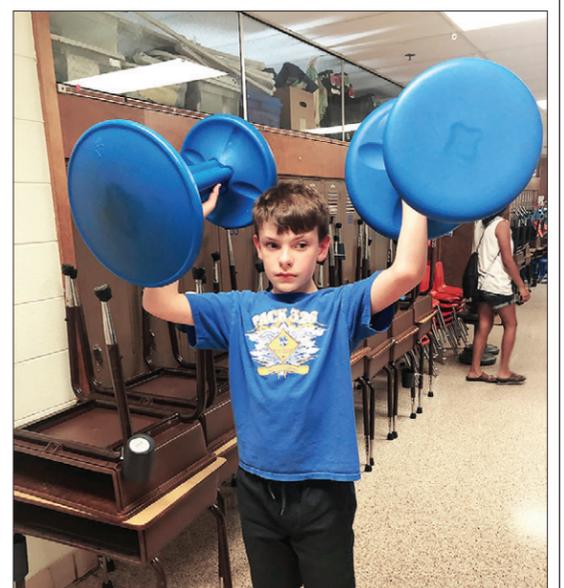
St. John the Baptist School in Johnsburg celebrated its tradition of Ribbon Day and graduation again this year. It's been over four years since they had a graduating class at the school.



(Photos provided)

Cub Scouts Help at Holy Angels School in Aurora

Cub Scout Pack 326 in Aurora performed service hours by helping Holy Angels School get ready for scheduled maintenance. Due to COVID-19, there was shortage in labor at the company that would normally do the work. Pack 326, along with Scout Troop 26, provided over 30 scouts, leaders, and family members to empty the classrooms of chairs and desks, getting the classrooms ready to be cleaned and waxed.



Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them in the correct order to form a quotation from the children's story.

noe, denchril, ti, websher, fo, si, het

Answers: one; children; it; Hebrews; of; is; the
It is one of the Hebrews' children.