

Bave Women

based on Exodus 1:8–2:10

Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, issued a terrible order. He commanded that all the baby boys born to the Hebrew women must be killed. Two women who helped at the births, Shiphrah (SHIFF' RATH) and Puah (POO' RA) were told to do this dreadful thing.

"No way!" they said. "That would be so wrong."

The two brave women disobeyed Pharaoh's order and made excuses so Pharaoh would not find out. But Pharaoh realized what was happening and sent his soldiers to kill the baby boys.

At that time, a woman named Jochebed (YOKH' A BED) gave birth to a strong baby boy. This brave mother did everything she could to keep her baby hidden. She made a basket and tucked her baby into it and placed it in the tall rushes at the edge of the river so the soldiers wouldn't find it. Her daughter Miriam stayed close by to watch over the baby.

On that day, Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river. She saw the basket floating in the reeds and sent her servant to get it. When the princess opened the basket, she saw the baby.

"This must be a Hebrew baby," she exclaimed. "He is beautiful. I am going to keep him safe."

Miriam came out of her hiding place and stood before the princess.

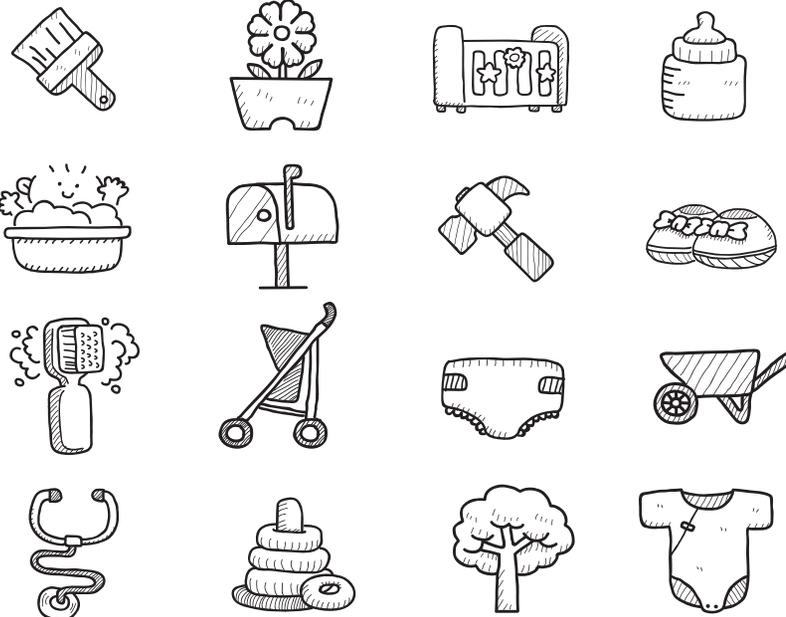
"Would you like me to find someone to look after the baby for you?" Miriam asked. "I know a woman who could feed and care for him."

"Why, yes," answered the princess.

Miriam ran to get her mother. The princess asked Jochebed to look after the baby. Now her son was safe from the soldiers.

A few years later, the princess brought the baby to the palace and adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, which means "pulled out," because she had pulled him out of the water.

Circle all the items that can help care for a baby.



Find the hidden objects.

