



Bible Character Study



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Hebrew midwives – an example of integrity.



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goals of Lesson:

- To illustrate the importance of integrity – choosing to do what is right.



Lesson Takeaway:

Always choose to do what is right whether people are looking at you or not.



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Bible References:

Exodus 1: 7 – 21



Who were the Hebrew midwives?

The Hebrew midwives were women who helped pregnant Israelite women when they wanted to give birth to a new baby. The bible tells us their names were Shiprah and Puah (Exodus 1:15).



What did the Hebrew midwives do?

The bible tells us that, “the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them” (Exodus 1:7). The children of Israel later became slaves in Egypt. But God continued to bless and prosper the children of Israel in Egypt.

After some time, a new king started to rule over Egypt. He told the Egyptians, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land” (Exodus 1:9-10). The children of Israel had grown so much in number that the Egyptians were afraid of them. God was with His people!

The new king of Egypt was desperate to weaken the children of Israel and reduce their numbers. So, he gave them more work to do. He made their work even harder by every means he knew. Yet, his plans did not work. “... the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel” (Exodus 1:12).





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What did the Hebrew midwives do? - Continued

When the king of Egypt saw that none of his plans was working, he tried one more wicked plan. He called the Hebrew midwives – Shiphrah and Puah – and told them that whenever they helped a pregnant Israelite woman to give birth, they should kill the child if it was a boy, but if it was a girl, they should not kill the child. Oh no! What a wicked plan! What would Shiphrah and Puah do?

Shiphrah and Puah knew that the king's command was a wicked one. They knew that murder or killing anyone was against the commands of God. So, they chose to disobey the king's command and honoured God. They had integrity. They did what was right even when nobody was looking at them when they were helping the pregnant Israelite women.

Shiphrah and Puah chose to allow the new-born boys to live – including Moses, who later became a mighty leader in Israel. He could have been killed but was saved alive because of the integrity of the Hebrew midwives.

God blessed Shiphrah and Puah for having integrity (Exodus 1:21).



What can we learn from the Hebrew midwives?

The king gave an order to kill new-born boys which was against the commandment of God, but the Hebrew midwives did not obey the king. Sometimes, you might be asked to do something that you know is not the right thing to do. Perhaps, a friend at school asked you to tell a lie so that he will not be punished? Perhaps, you were walking at the park and saw money that was not yours. No one was looking and you were tempted to take it. At times like this, you need integrity to do the right thing even if no one is looking at you.

God blessed the Hebrew midwives for having integrity – for doing the right thing. When you do the right thing, you attract the blessings of God. God will honour and bless you for choosing to obey Him.





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Memorize:

Acts 5:29 - But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."



Scenario review:

You came home with a library book. You opened it and started reading. As you flipped open a page, you saw a \$50 note inside the page. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember: Always choose to do what is right whether people are looking at you or not.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank you because through your word I know what is the right thing to do. Please help me to choose to do what is right whether I am in the public or alone where no one can see me. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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