

God's Servant, Moses (I wrote)

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What if their new baby turned out to be a boy? What would they do?

Now, they already had two children. A girl names Miriam and a boy named Aaron. They loved their children very much, just like most families do.

But, they worried night and day. What would happen if their new baby was a boy?

If it was a boy, they wouldn't be able to keep him.

They waited and wondered and they waited and they wondered. And soon, their new little baby was born, and it was a ...**boy**.
Oh, my!

What were they going to do? The family loved their new baby boy, they didn't want to lose him, but what could they do?

If the king's soldiers found him, they would take him away.

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I am sure that they rushed to pick him up as
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What a hard job that would have been.

I'm sure that Miriam and Aaron; his sister and brother worked hard to help their mother with the new baby.

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What would happen to the baby boy now?

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(Pre-Story) Intro Questions:

Take several baby items and hold them up one at a time and ask the children what they are.

Then ask the children “Why do you think I brought baby items today.”

Then tell them that it is because our story today is about a baby.

Do you have a baby at your home?

What are some things babies can do? (cry, eat, sleep, smile)

What are some things that babies can't do? (They can't feed themselves, they can't dress themselves, they can't bathe themselves)

Babies need someone to take care of them, because they can't take care of themselves can they? No

In our story today, our Bible family took good care of their baby.

Our story is about a family who had a new baby. Do you know what they did with their baby?

THEY HID IT!!!

Why do you suppose they did that? People don't usually hide their babies do they? No, they usually show their new baby to everyone.

Well, listen very closely and we will see why they would do such a thing.

Dear Parents,

Today we begin a 6 week study on “God’s Servant Moses”. We will open with his birth and follow through the building of the Tabernacle.

**The verse that I have chosen for this unit is”
“If any man serve Me, let him follow Me...” John 12:26.**

Throughout this unit we will encourage your child to be God’s servant and, we will explain how to do so. The character stories will deal with trusting God, even when it’s hard. By putting trust and service together, we hope to instill in your child a greater love for the Lord.

We thank you for entrusting your little ones to us. Teaching is a privilege and responsibility we take seriously. Because our attitude will leave a lasting impression on your child, it is our prayer that we may be Christ-like in all we do. Please remember us in prayer.

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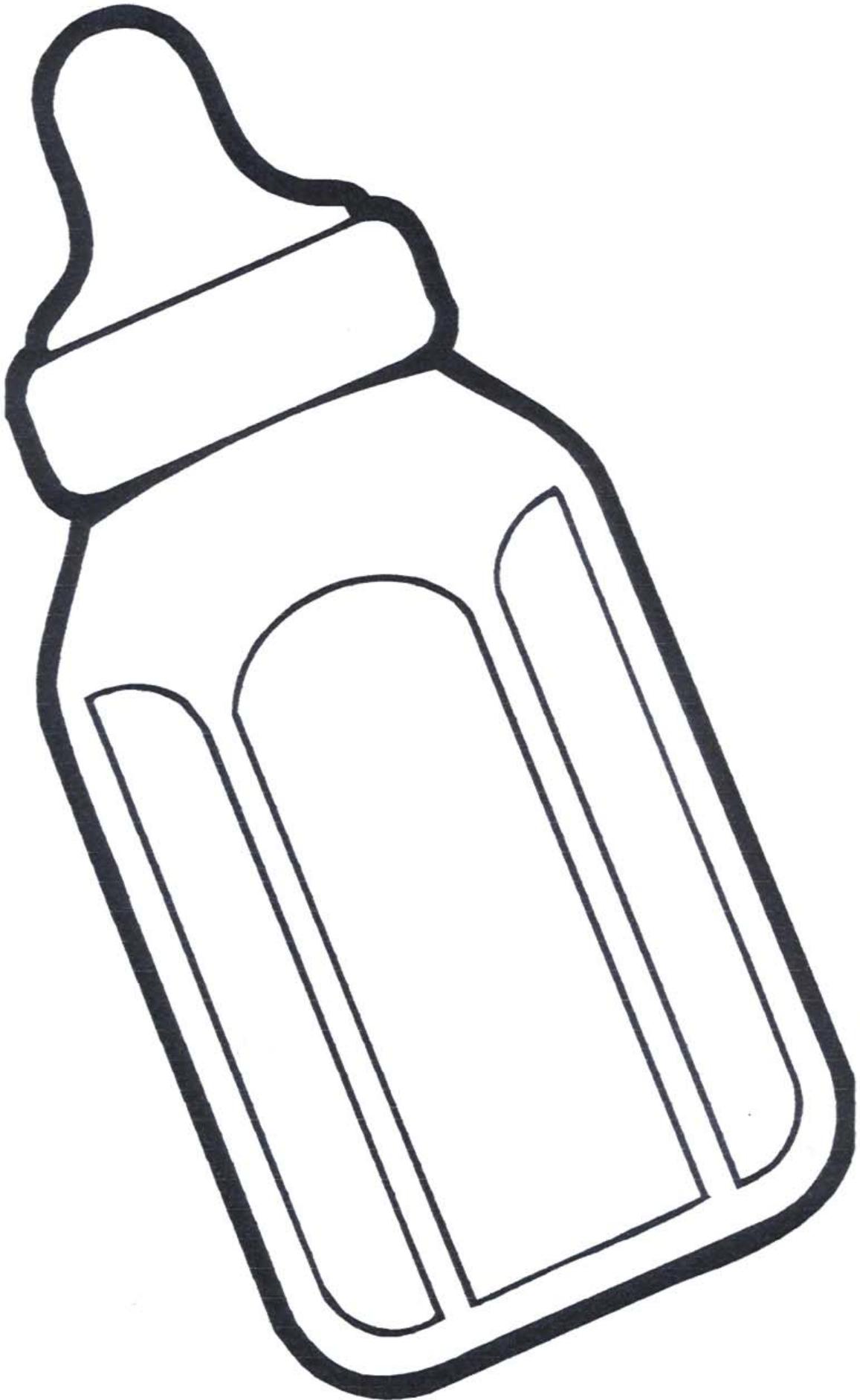
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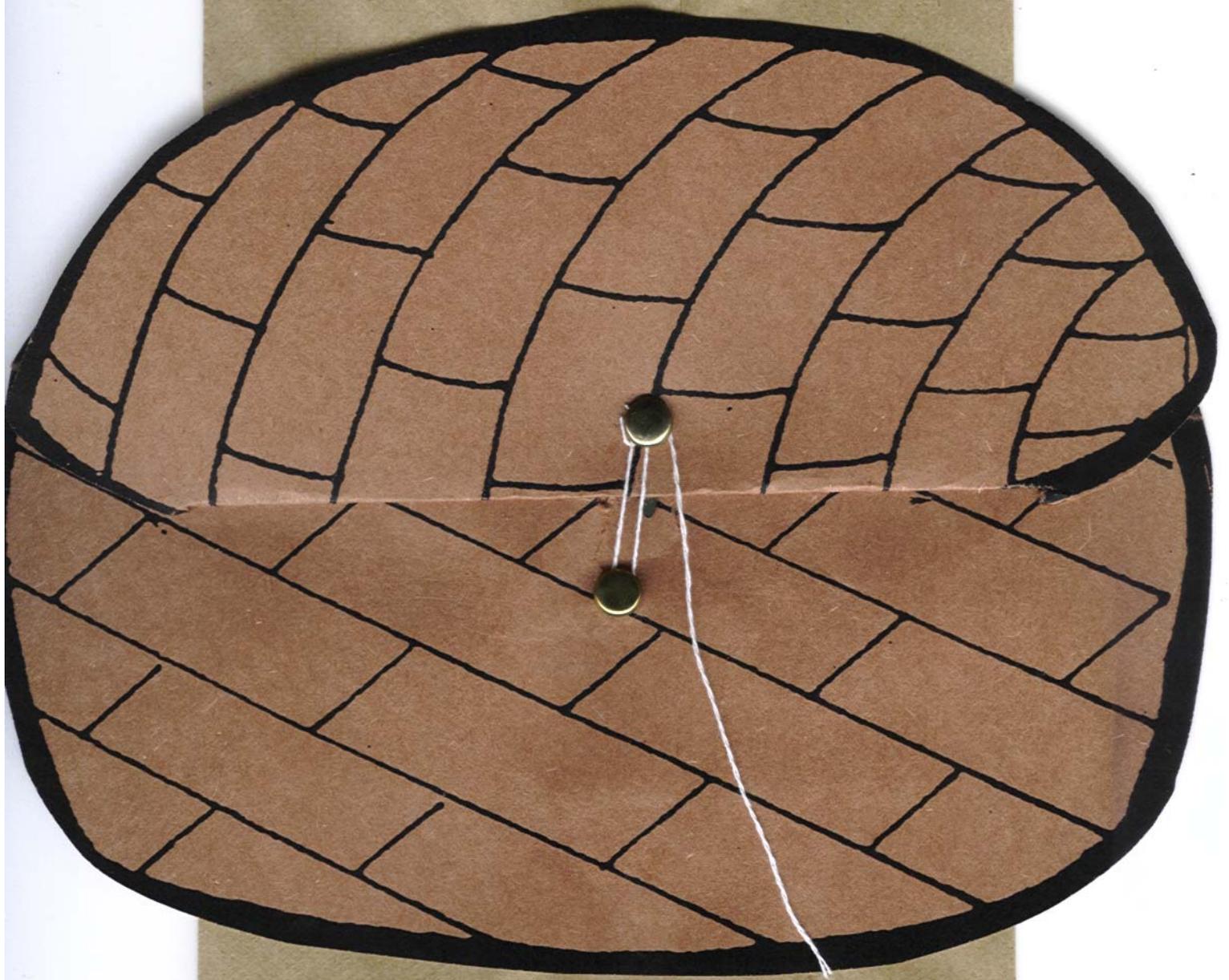
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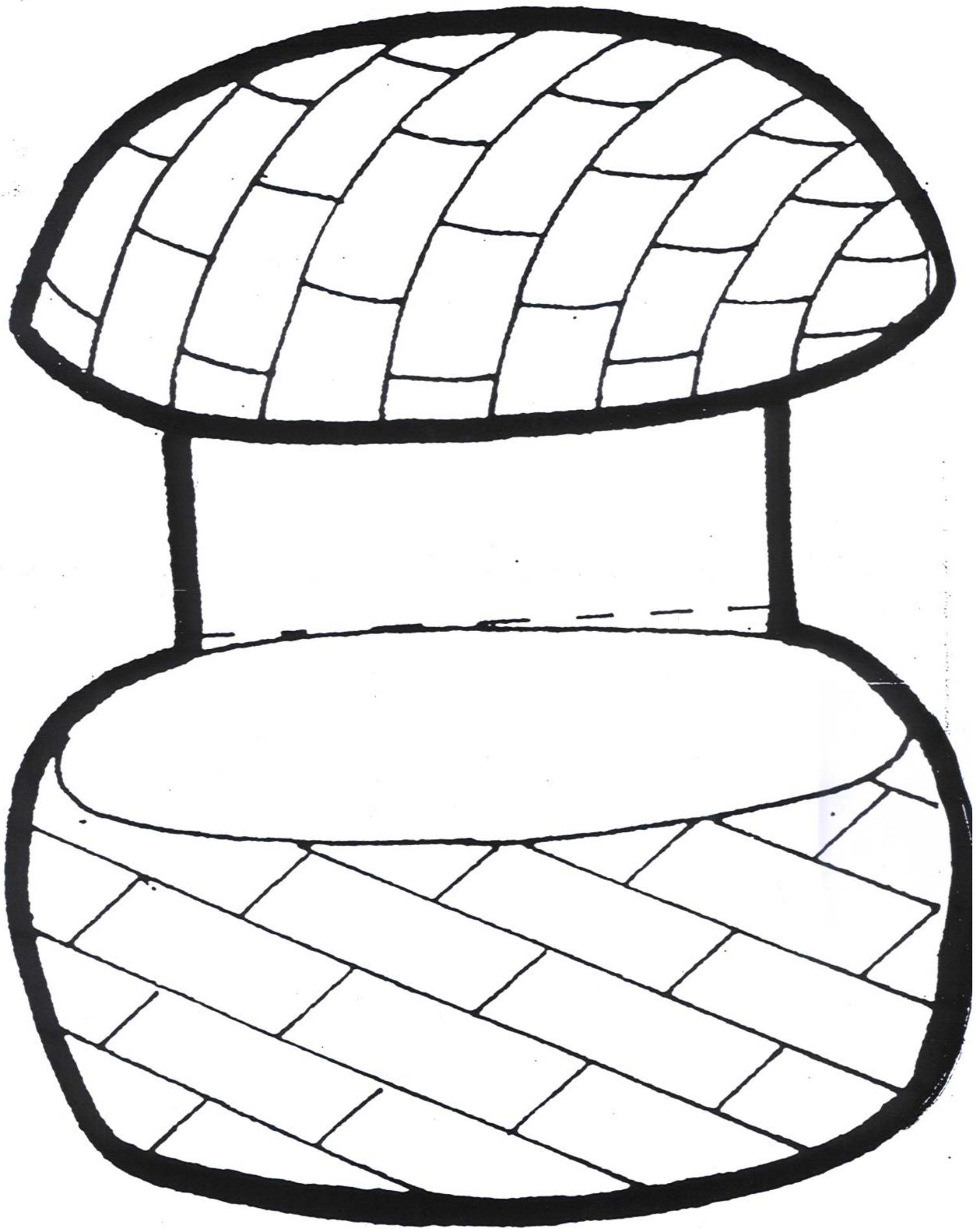
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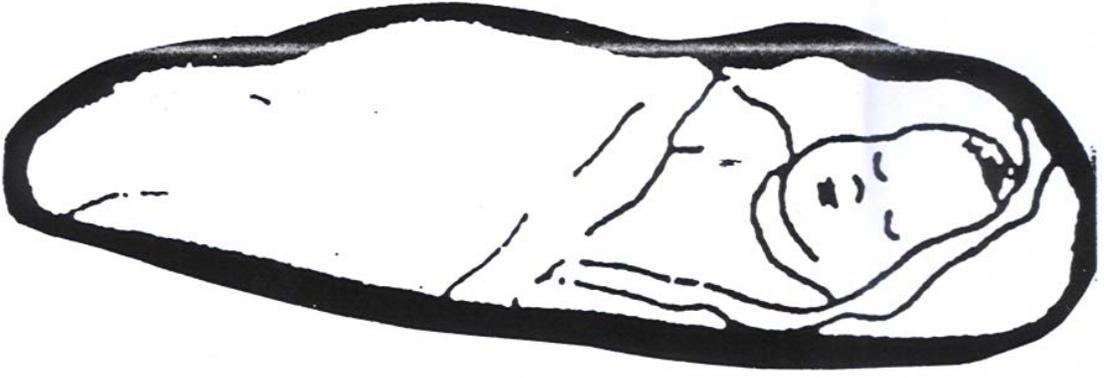
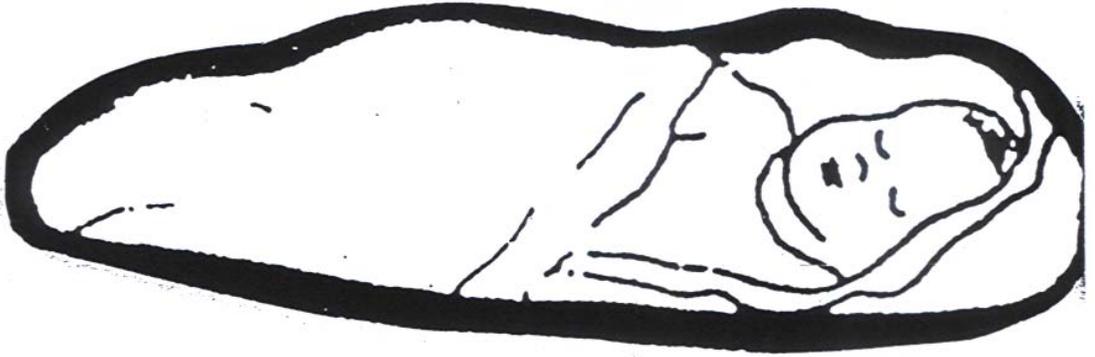
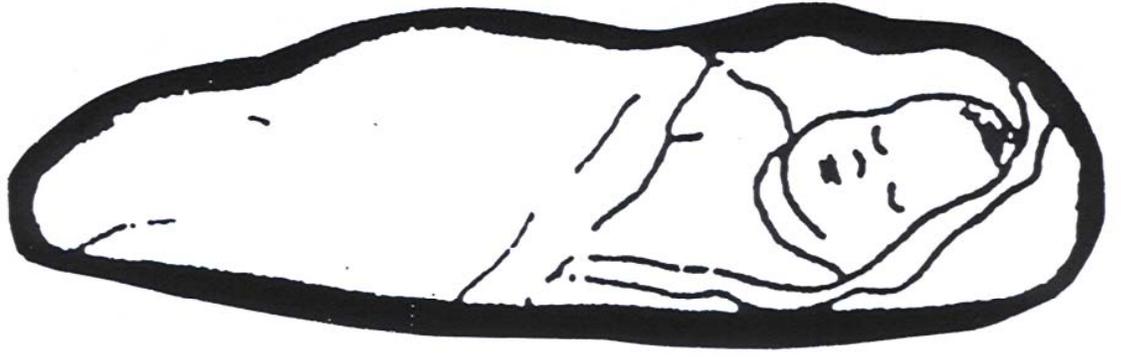
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One Israelite mother made a little basket bed for her baby boy. She took him to the river and hid him in the tall grass.

Exodus 2:1-4



**The Egyptian princess found the basket.
She took the baby home and named him Moses.**



Baby Moses was safe in his basket boat.

35. MOSES IS BORN (EXODUS 2:1-10)



“And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink.”

EXODUS 2:3

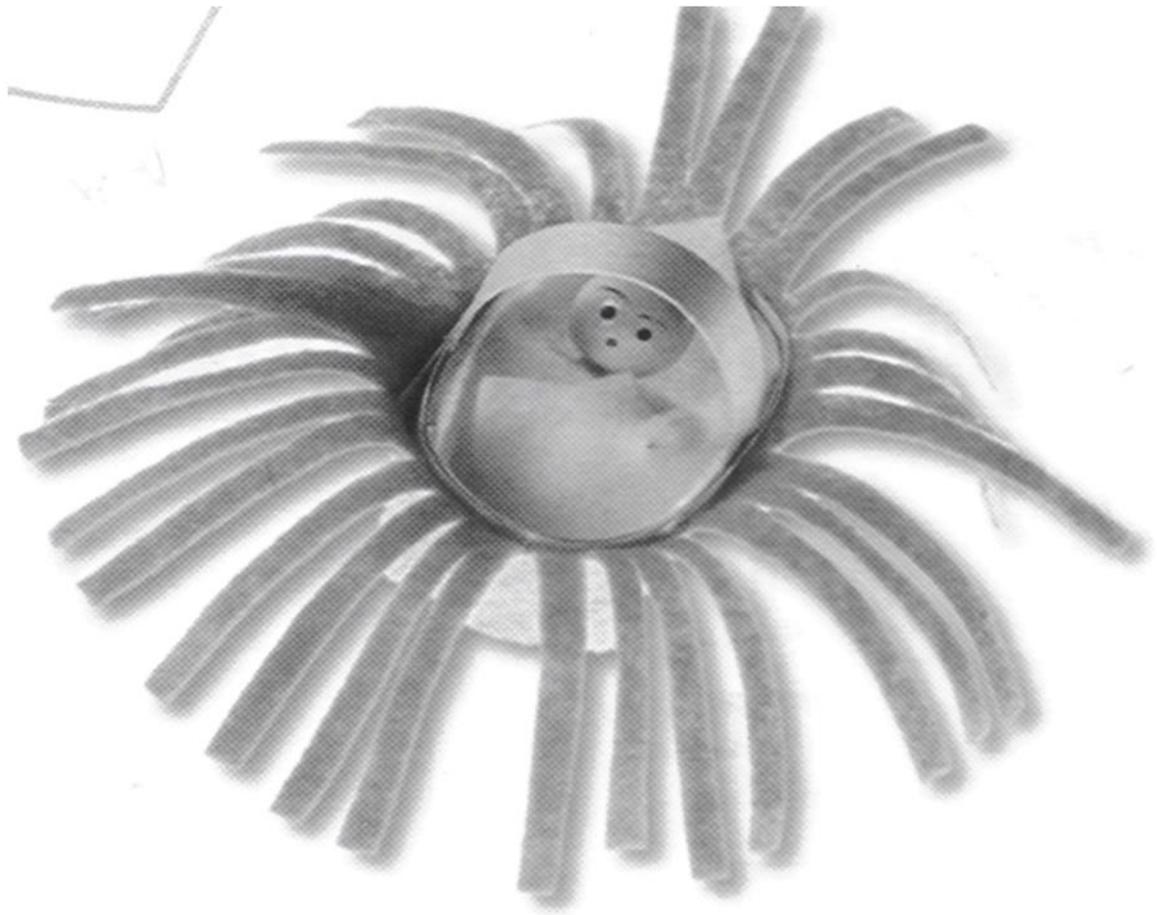
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The baby's sister watched the baby in the basket.



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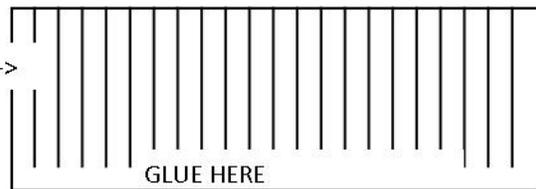
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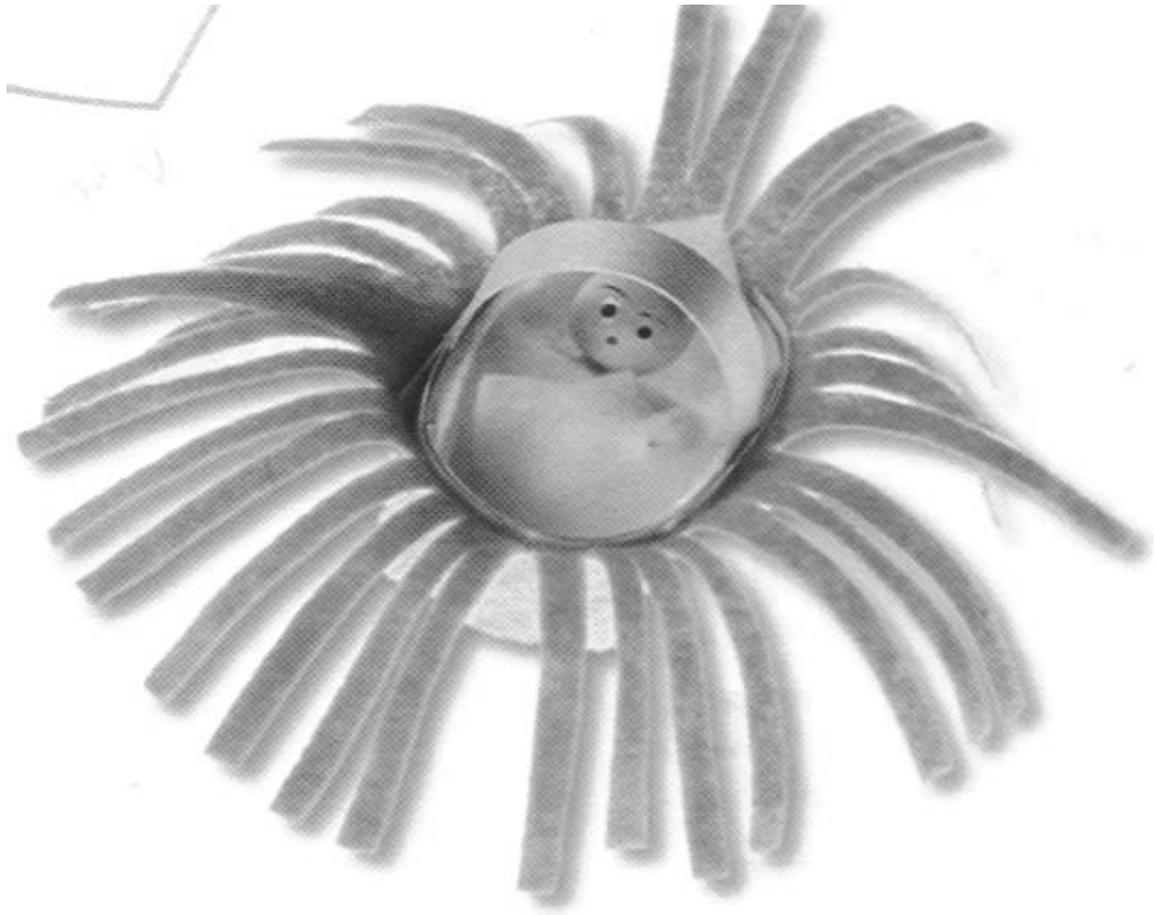
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