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LIVE IN PEACE

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**“ ...live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you”
(2 Cor 13:11)**

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In Christ,

SF Melbourne Central Committee.

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My Peace is a Gift from God

Our Lord Jesus Christ Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

The story of our Lord Jesus Christ calming the storm teaches us that we should always be at peace because our Lord Jesus Christ is always with us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ had 12 disciples. The disciples were happy and felt at peace because they were always with our Lord Jesus Christ. They were able to listen to all the stories that He taught.

One day, our Lord Jesus Christ was at the Sea of Galilee, teaching many people from a boat. The people stood on the land listening to Him. They loved to listen for long hours and learn from our Lord Jesus Christ.

When all the people left, our Lord Jesus Christ asked His disciples to take Him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in their boat.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was very tired from teaching all day. He went to the back of the boat, put His head on a pillow, and went to sleep.

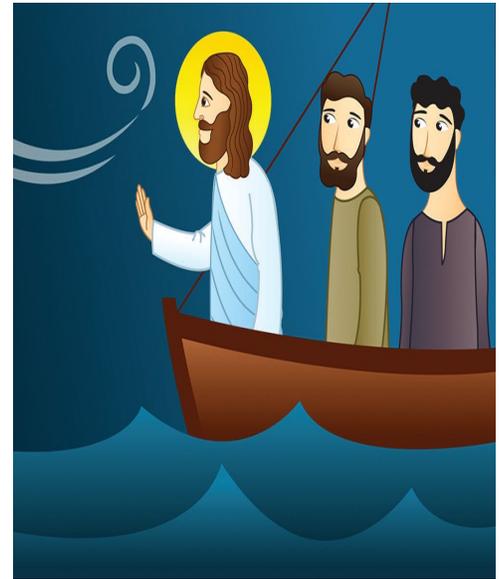


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Suddenly, there was a very big storm! It started to get very windy, there was a lot of rain, the waves were very high, and the sound of the thunder was so loud. The disciples were afraid; they didn't know what to do. They went to the back of the boat and woke up our Lord Jesus Christ and said, “**Lord save us!**”

Then something amazing happened; our Lord Jesus Christ told the wind and waves, “**Peace, be still!**” Our Lord Jesus Christ is the creator of everything, so only He can stop this storm.

As soon as our Lord Jesus Christ spoke: the wind, the rain, and the waves obeyed the words of the Lord, and everything became very calm.



Our Lord Jesus Christ asked the disciples why they were afraid. They should always feel safe and at peace because our Lord Jesus Christ is always with them.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ is always with us.
We should always feel His peace as our
Lord Jesus Christ teaches us.**

“My peace I give to you” (John 14:27)



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My Peace is From My Lord and Savior

King Constantine and the Power of the Cross

Synaxarion of the 28th day of the Coptic Month of Paremhotep (April 6)

The story of King Constantine and the power of the Cross teaches us that we can find peace in the Holy Cross because on it we were saved.

A long time ago, there was a king named King Constantine the Great. He was very kind, and everyone loved him. He wasn't Christian, so he didn't know what the Cross meant.

One day, King Constantine and his army went to help win a war.

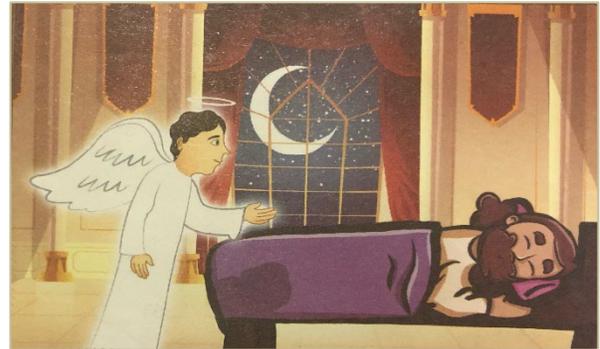


While he was there, he looked up in the sky and saw something amazing. He saw a bright cross in the sky; the cross was brighter than the sun. He also saw the words, "with this, you will win."

Everyone saw the cross, but they didn't know what it meant. King Constantine asked someone what the cross meant. He learned that our Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior because He died on the cross, rose from the dead, and saved us.

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That night, an angel appeared to King Constantine and said, “make a sign just like the one you saw in the sky; it will help you win.”



The next morning, the king obeyed. He made a large flag with a cross on it and put it on every soldier's uniform.

He went into the city with the flag with a cross on it, and they won the war. Everyone was very happy because they saw the power of the Cross and how it helped them.

King Constantine was baptized and became a child of God.

The cross is powerful to all of God's children. The cross is a great blessing and brings peace to any place. It keeps us safe and can help you with any problem.

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14)



“Live in Peace”

Where can we find the cross in the church?

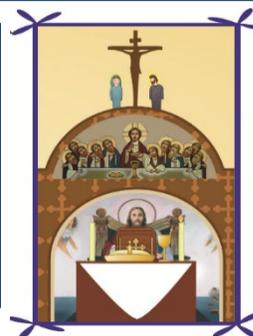


There is a cross on top of the bell towers of the church:

This shows everyone that we listen to and follow the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified on the cross for us.

There is a cross above the doors of the altar:

A cross is high above the altar, in the middle of all the icons of the saints. This reminds us that the cross opened heaven for us. There are many saints in heaven, and we always ask them to pray for us.



Our father the priest holds a cross in his hand:

The priest prays all the prayers with a cross and blesses the people with it. We kiss the cross and take a blessing.



The deacons go around the church with a cross:

The deacons sing praises because they are happy that our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, saved us with the power of the cross.



Where else can you find the cross in the church?

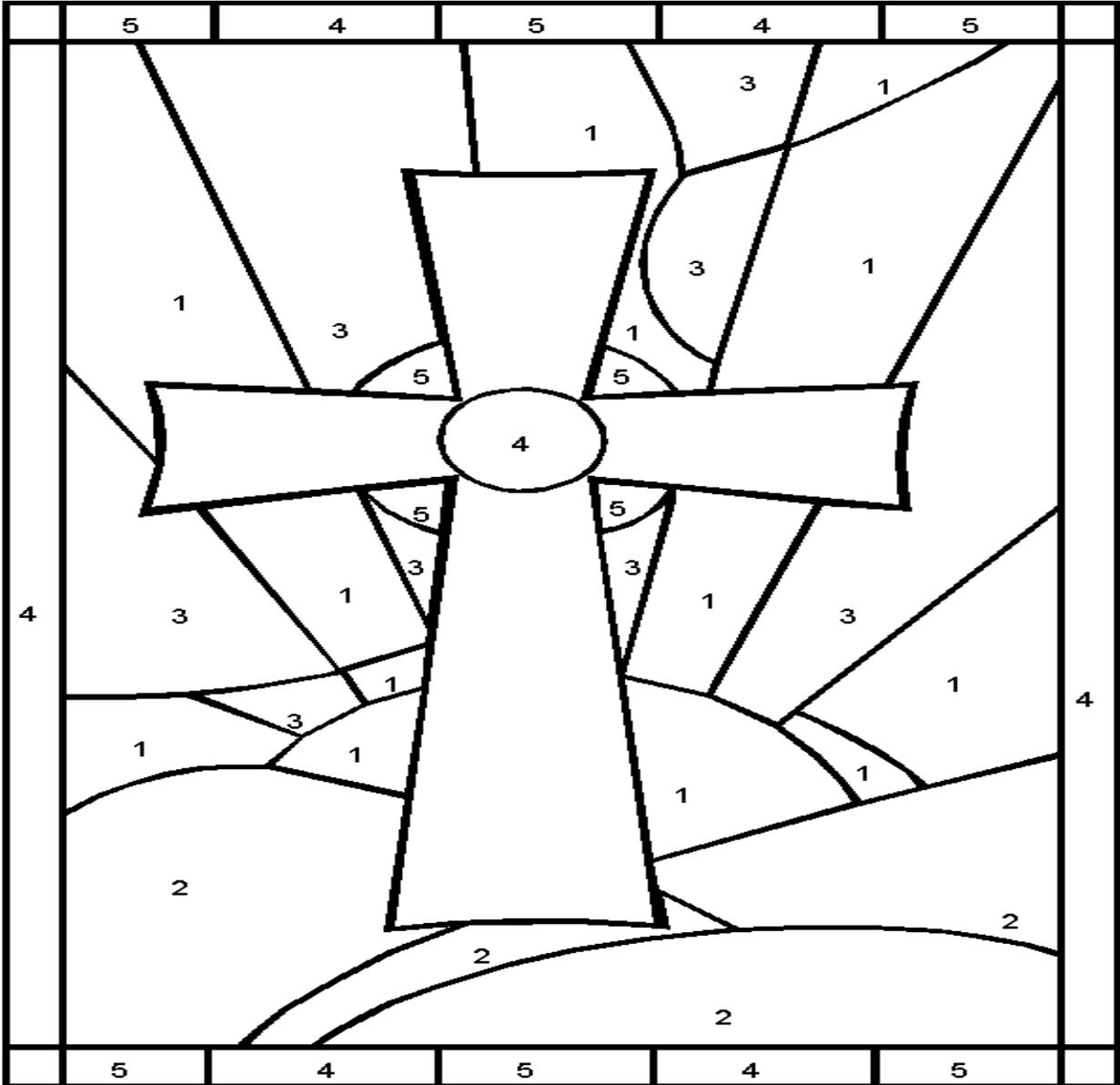




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The Cross

1- Yellow 2- Green 3-Blue 4- Purple 5-Red



“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14)

My Peace is in My Church

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation

Learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation teaches us that the children of God have peace.

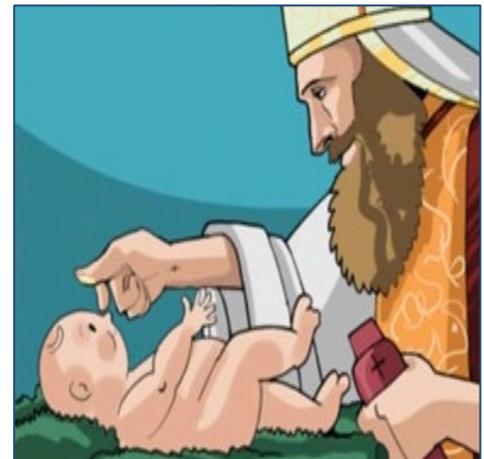
The Sacrament of Baptism

The priest baptizes the baby by putting them under the water 3 times saying, **“In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”** The baby is born again. Their sins are forgiven, and the baby becomes a child of God.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

After the baby is baptized, the priest anoints the baby 36 times, all over their body, with the holy Myron oil. The priest anoints the head, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, chest, back, hands, and feet. After the body is anointed, each part of the body becomes holy and belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ.

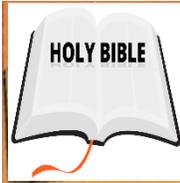


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Everything we do should make God happy and please Him.



We use our eyes to look up to pray to Him.



We use our ears to listen to the Word of God in the Holy Bible.



We use our mouths to sing praises and hymns to our Lord Jesus Christ.



We use our hands to serve and help others.



We use our feet to go to church.

Everyone who does what pleases our Lord Jesus Christ and makes Him happy will have peace in their heart.

“For He Himself is our peace” (Ephesians 2:14)



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The Sacrament of Baptism



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I Live Peacefully

The Miracle of Moving the Mokattam Mountain

Synaxarion of the 18th day of the Coptic Month of Hathor (November 27)

The miracle of moving the Mokattam Mountain teaches us to live in peace even when we have a big problem.

In Egypt, there is a huge mountain called “The Mokattam Mountain.” This is a real mountain that is still in Egypt. Today, it has a beautiful church where many people go to pray.

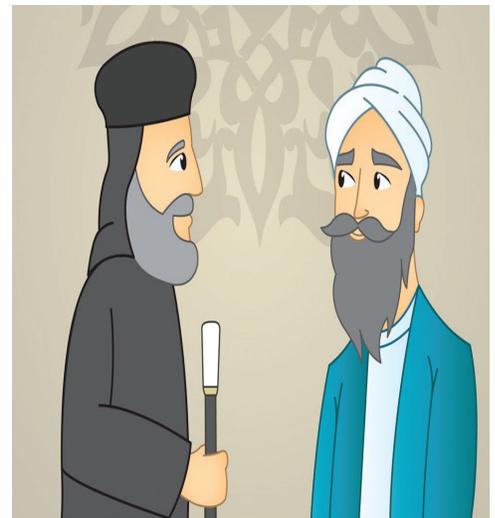
A long time ago, there was a governor in Egypt who made all the rules. This governor had an adviser who didn't like Christians and wanted to punish them.

The adviser found a verse in the Holy Bible that said:

“if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move”
(Matthew 17:20)

He went to the governor with a plan to ask the Christians to move the mountain, just as it says in the Holy Bible.

The governor agreed and called for Pope Abraam. He told the Pope, “Use your faith to move the mountain outside of the city. If you can't move the mountain all the Christians will be punished.”



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This was a big problem! Pope Abraam had peace in his heart, so he wasn't worried. He knew God would help him no matter how big the problem was. He asked all the Christians to fast and pray for 3 days.

On the third day, St. Mary appeared to Pope Abraam and told him not to worry because our Lord Jesus Christ heard their prayers.



St. Mary told the Pope about a holy man named St. Simon the Tanner. His prayers would help them move the mountain.

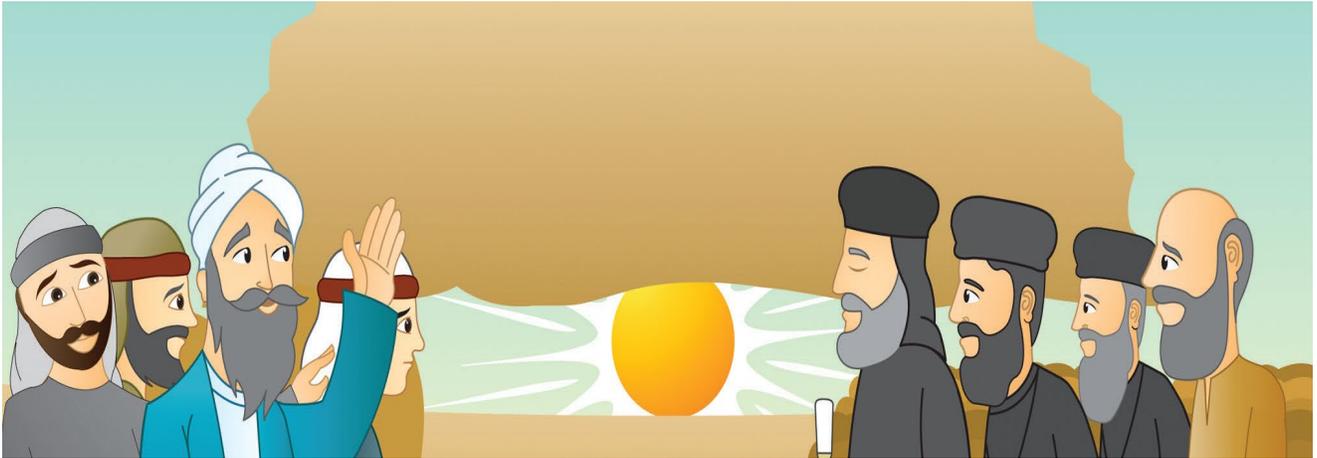
The Pope found St. Simon the Tanner. St. Simon was a holy man who loved to serve the sick and older people. The Pope asked him to help move the mountain.



Pope Abraam, St. Simon, and all the Christians stood in front of the mountain and prayed a Liturgy. After the Liturgy, all the people kneeled and said: “Lord have mercy” with a strong voice and made the sign of the cross. They did this 400 times! Each time they said, “Lord have mercy,” the mountain moved.

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When the Pope made the sign of the cross in front of the mountain, it rose so high that everyone could see the sun under the mountain. Their faith was able to move the mountain from one place to another.



This miracle showed the governor and adviser that the verse in the Holy Bible was true. It also showed everyone that our Christian faith is strong and true.

The Christian people were saved because they all prayed together.

This miracle shows us when we have faith and pray to God, we have peace because He hears our prayers.

As the Holy Bible says:

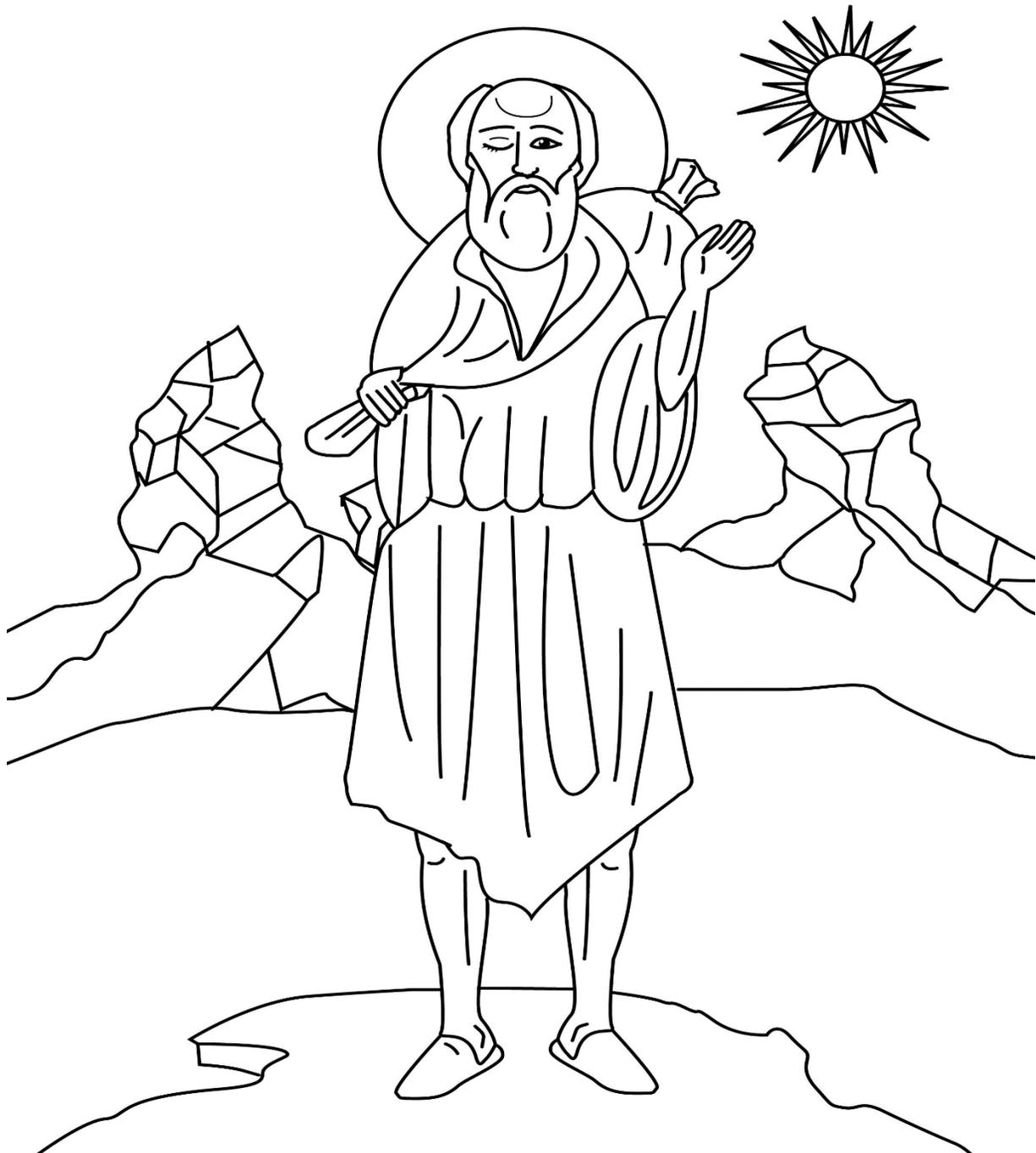
“...pray to Me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29:12)





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St. Simon the Tanner



“...pray to Me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29:12)

I Share My Peace With Those Around Me

Baby Moses

Exodus 2:1-10

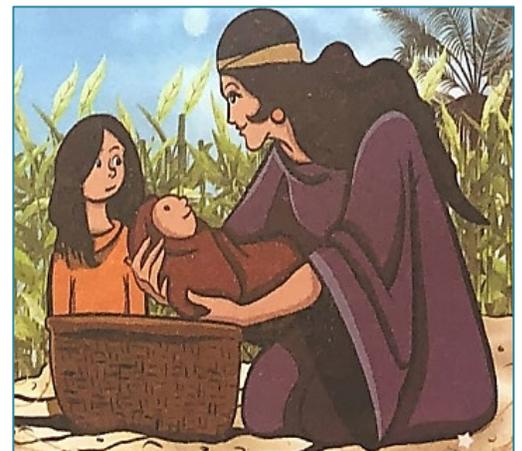
The story of baby Moses teaches us that when we care for one another we have peace.

A long time ago, there was a young girl named Miriam. She was one of God's children. She had a brother named Aaron, and her mother was going to have another baby. They lived in Egypt.



At that time, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, did not like God's people, the children of Israel. Every day the people of God became more and more. Pharaoh was worried that the people of God would be stronger than the people of Egypt. He made a rule that if anyone had a boy, they must put the baby in the Nile River. Miriam's mom had a beautiful baby boy.

She hid the baby for 3 months until she couldn't hide him anymore. She had faith in God and had an idea. She made a basket to keep the baby safe, covered him with a blanket, and placed him in the Nile River near the tall grass.



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Miriam hid close by and watched the baby. She saw the princess, Pharaoh's daughter, go into the water towards the basket.

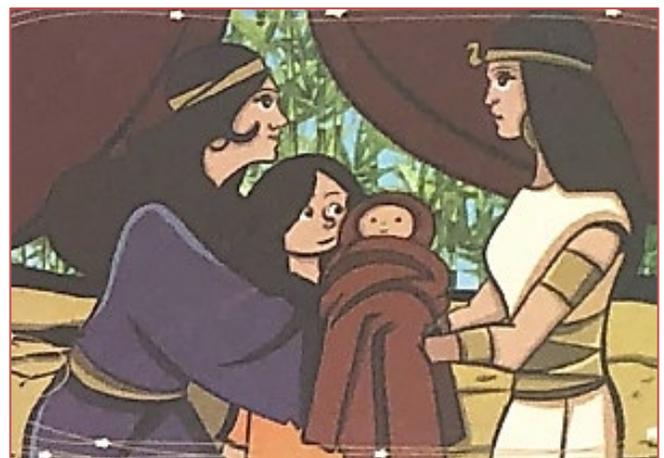


Pharaoh's daughter uncovered the basket and found a beautiful baby boy crying. Pharaoh's daughter knew that this baby was one of God's people.

When Miriam saw what happened, she ran to Pharaoh's daughter and asked if she wanted to find someone to help her and feed the baby. Pharaoh's daughter thought that was a great idea!

Miriam ran back happily to her mother and told her what happened. Miriam quickly brought her mother to Pharaoh's daughter.

When Pharaoh's daughter saw her, she asked Miriam's mother to feed and care for the baby.



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Miriam and her mother were so happy. She took the baby, cared for him, and taught him everything about God. When the baby grew up, she returned him to Pharaoh's daughter.

The baby became her son. She named the baby Moses because it means, “I pulled him out of the water.”

This story shows us how to have peace with our brothers and sisters. Miriam helped and cared for her younger brother.

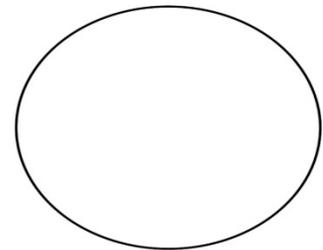
**When we help others and have peace,
God will take care of us as He promised.**

“The Lord thinks upon me” (Psalm 40:17)



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Baby Moses



Memorization

1. “live in peace” (2 Corinthians 13:11)

2. Introduction to the Creed – Agpia

We honour you, Mother of True Light and glorify you, O’ Holy Virgin Mother of God, for you gave birth to the Saviour of the World. He came and saved our souls. Glory to You, our Master and King Jesus Christ, Pride of the Apostles, Crown of the Martyrs, Joy of the righteous, Steadiness of the churches, Remission of sins. We preach the Holy Trinity, the One Divinity, whom we worship and honour. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord bless us. **Amen.**

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(When we're planting love and goodness
Peace is what we'll always reap
We're not worried if days are evil
The Lord won't slumber nor sleep) **x2**

(Church is an Ark where souls are saved
No matter what hardships we face
Her Sacraments will help us always
Grow in faith and dwell in grace) **x1**

(At His word I'd walk on water
Strong in faith and firm in Doctrine) **x2**

(I will follow His commands) **x1**

(With God joy will never cease
And His Spirit gives us peace) **x2**

(And His Spirit gives us peace) **x1**

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