



WOMEN of the BIBLE Series:

MIRIAM

(Genesis 2, Exodus 1:22 – 2:4, Exodus 6:20, Exodus 15:20-22)

Do you remember the story of the birth of Moses? He was born to a Hebrew mother who loved and worshiped God. It was at that time that Egypt's king Pharaoh and all of the Egyptians were afraid that their Israelite slaves were becoming too powerful - in numbers and in body strength - and may someday try to take over. To make certain this did not happen, king Pharaoh demanded that all the Hebrew baby boys be drowned in the Nile River!

The baby's mother kept him safe by making a floating basket for him. She put him in the basket and hid it in the water and plants at the edge of the Nile River. The baby's big sister, **Mariam**, hid near the shore and watched as Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to bathe. She watched as Pharaoh's daughter took him as her own, returning with him to the palace and raising him as an Egyptian. **Mariam** and their mother still had contact with him as he grew and they taught him to worship and know God. As **Mariam's** little brother, Moses, grew, he (and God) were angry at the way his own people, the Israelites, were treated by the Egyptians. God spoke to Moses through the burning bush and told him to go to Egyptian and tell king Pharaoh, "let my people go!"

Moses, along with his brother, Aaron, persuaded king Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt, by inflicting plagues (that caused disease, infection, trouble, distress and pain) that the Egyptians had to suffer through. Their sister, **Mariam**, joined her brothers on their way out of Egypt. Pharaoh and the Egyptians wanted them back! They needed them to do the work and to serve them, not their GOD! But God was with Moses, Aaron, **Mariam** and His people, the Israselites. He parted the Red Sea so they could cross and reach safety on the other side. God then released the waters that buried the Egyptians who were chasing after them. As they witnessed this, Moses and Aaron sang praises to God and **Mariam** led the women with a tambourine in worshiping God with song and dance.

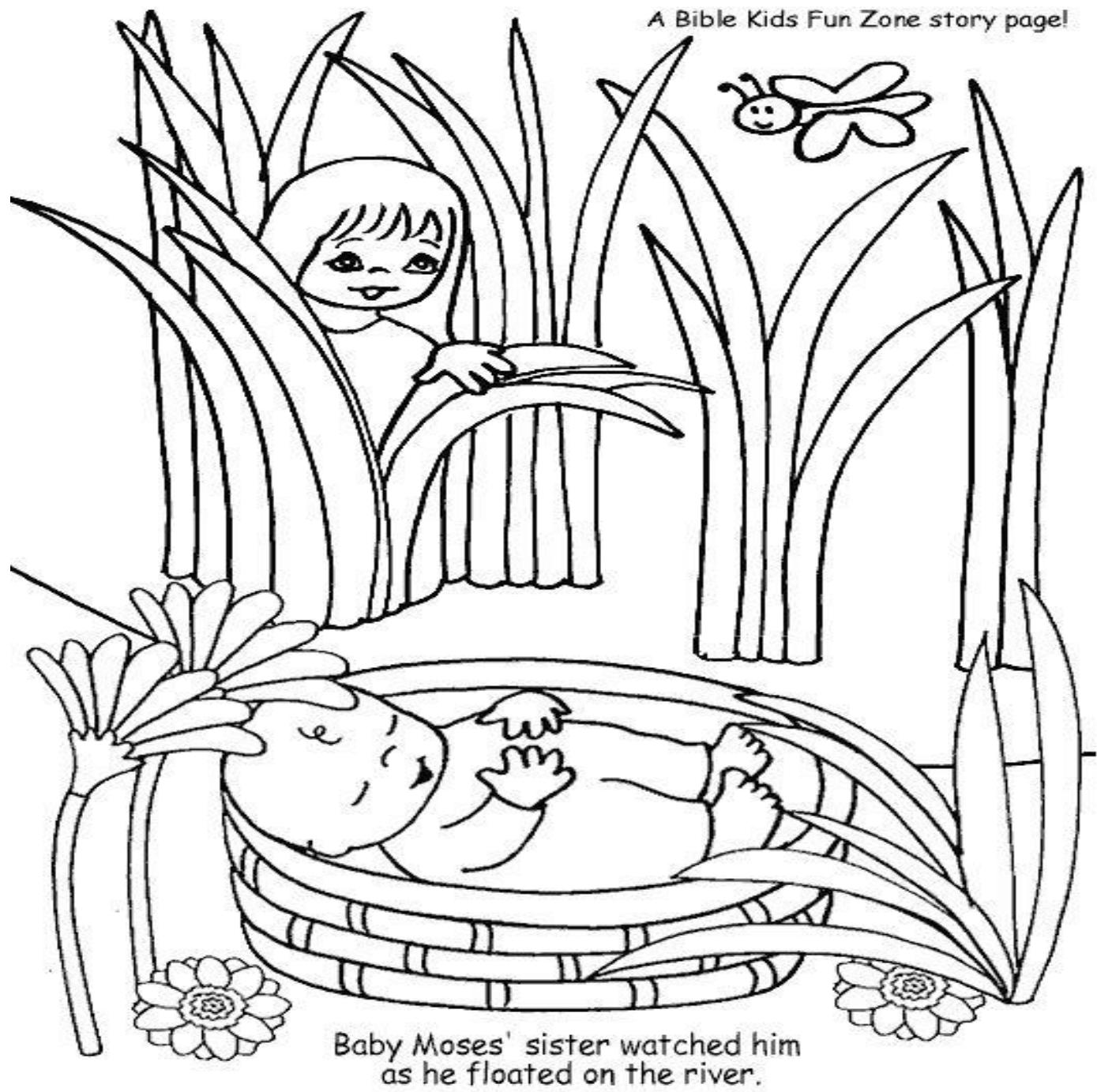
Unfortunately, as time passed, both Aaron and **Mariam** willingly spoke against Moses, God's servant that he had chosen, when things went wrong while on their journey to the Promised Land. God struck **Mariam** with leprosy (a serious skin disease, where others avoided any contact). Aaron prayed to God for forgiveness and Moses prayed for his big sister, **Mariam**, to be cured and forgiven...

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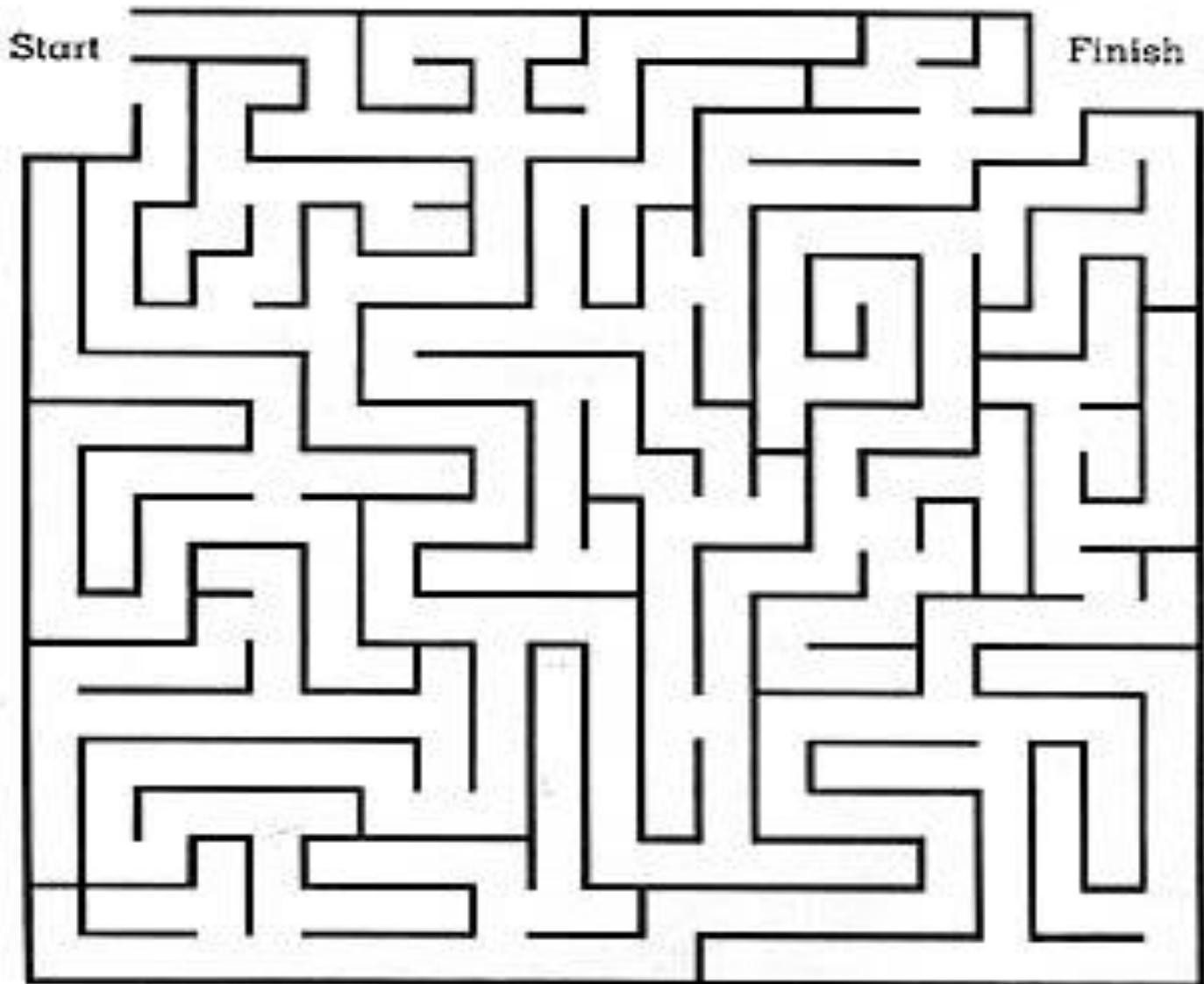


Baby Moses' sister watched him
as he floated on the river.

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Moses sings and Miriam dances with the women



After all that, the Children of Israel were a little sad about all those people who were drowned, but they were very happy that G-d had saved them. Moses stood on top of a hill and sang a wonderful song to G-d, thanking Him for saving them. Moses' sister, Miriam, led all the women and girls in song and dance to thank G-d for the miracles that He had done on their behalf.

They were now free and the whole world knew who the real G-d is.

CRAFT ACTIVITY for MARIAM

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