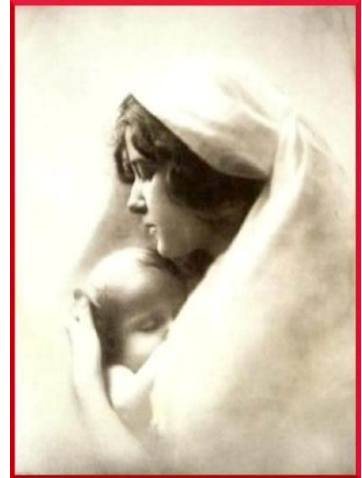


# Living Connections Bible Study

## Trusting God for my Children



**Text:** Exodus 1-2:10

**Prayer:**

**Icebreaker:** Talk about your concerns for the raising of your children and grandchildren in the day in which we live.

1. What did Paul tell Timothy about the conditions that would make it difficult to raise children in the *Last Days*? 2 Timothy 3:1-5

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Joseph was promoted by Pharaoh to second in command over all the land of Egypt. He became such a blessing to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians that his entire family (70 descendants of Jacob) were invited to live in Egypt. They were given the land of Goshen on the Nile River Delta, the most fertile part of Egypt in which to live.

2. What happened in the centuries that followed that caused Pharaoh to look at the Israelites (who now numbered over 2,000,000) as a threat instead of a blessing?  
Exodus 1:6-10

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3. How did Pharaoh and the Egyptians seek to control the Israelites? Exodus 1:11-14

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4. What terrible thing did Pharaoh tell the Hebrew midwives to do in order to control the male population of the Israelites, and why was his plan ineffective?  
Exodus 1:15-19

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5. What blessing did God bestow on the Hebrew midwives for disobeying Pharaoh's command? Exodus 1:20-21

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6. What cruel drastic command did Pharaoh make when the midwives were not able to curtail the male population growth? Exodus 1:22

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7. Read Exodus 1:8 and draw some parallel comparisons to what has happened in our own nation toward the faith of our forefathers.

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8. Why were Amram and Jochebed, the parents of Moses willing to defy Pharaoh's command even though it could have resulted in severe punishment, and even death for them? Exodus 2:1-2; Hebrews 11:23; Acts 5:26-29

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9. What symbolic significance can parents draw from Jochebed's making a protective covering for her son and having his big sister keep an eye on him? Exodus 2:3-4

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Jochebed's motherly instincts worked hand in hand with her faith. Imagine her fear and apprehension, imagine her tears mingled her prayers and faith. As she let her baby go she was praying, asking God to spare and protect her son.

10. What confidence did Jochebed and her husband have that enabled them to move ahead in faith? 1 John 4:4; Daniel 3:16-18

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11. What evidence do we find that God had given her the idea to place baby Moses where the daughter of Pharaoh would find him? Exodus 2:4

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12. Talk about the finger prints of God directing this situation so that the baby would woo and win the heart of Pharaoh's daughter. Exodus 2:5-6

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13. What would it be like, and what awesome responsibility did Jochebed take on when Pharaoh's daughter commissioned her to nurse and wean Moses for her over the course of several years? Exodus 2:7-9

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14. What instructions would a godly mother leave to her child when turning him/her over to be brought up in the home of unbelievers? Exodus 2:10

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Think about it this week

*By faith Moses, when he became of age,  
refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,  
choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God  
than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming [or highly valuing]  
the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt;  
for he looked to the reward.  
By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king;  
for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.*

Hebrews 11:24-27

Jochebed taught her son how to live, not for the pleasure of the moment, but with eternity and the smile of God in view.