

Hi there, everyone!

Time for another JAM-at-Home email! Welcome to those joining us for the first time! JAM is usually an after school club run once a half-term (free of charge) for all pupils who would like to join us, by people from our local Church of England and Methodist churches – but due to Coronavirus we have had to go “on line” like so many other things! Our fun sessions are usually based round a Bible story, craft work, games and simple worship. We hope to back with you in person soon, but for this half term here is another email version!



This time we are going to think about one of the famous people from the Old Testament – Moses. There are lots of stories about Moses in the Bible, but we will just be thinking about him as a baby and a young man....more about Moses in another JAM!

Watch this film to see the amazing things that happened to him.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEHT6dCKbl>

A baby in a basket?? A bush on fire?? God had a special job for Moses - and He promised to be with him and help him. Finally Moses obeyed God and knew that he belonged in God's family! Throughout his life Moses went on some momentous journeys, but wherever he found himself God was with him. As we journey through life we can be sure that God is always with us too.

Here are some ideas of things you might like to do which remind us of this storyIf you can't get exactly these materials, just see what you can find around the house instead!

Baby in a basket



You will need: cereal (such as Rice Krispies, Cornflakes or Shredded Wheat); chocolate; jelly baby sweets or marshmallows; cupcake cases Melt the chocolate in the microwave and mix in the cereal. Spoon into the cake cases and add a babyshaped sweet to represent Moses, or make him out of marshmallows. Leave to set.

Talk about what is needed to keep a baby safe on a journey – a car seat, pram or pushchair. When he was a baby, Moses' mother wanted to protect his life so she put him in a basket and carefully hid it in the reeds on the River Nile, where he was found by the Pharaoh's daughter. How does it feel to know that as we journey through life, God is our protector?

Burning bush



You will need: clear cup or jam jar; glue; strips of red, orange and yellow tissue paper; marker pens; battery; tealight candle (optional)

Spread glue all over the inside of the cup or jam jar and then press tissue paper strips on to make flames. You can add a battery tealight candle to make it light up. Write on the outside of the cup or jam jar, 'Here I am', which is what Moses said to God at the burning bush.

Talk about how you would feel if you saw a burning bush. Do you think God still speaks to us today? In what ways?

Connect the dots to see what Moses is looking at.



Then colour in the picture!

Tell the story of Moses in the style of We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

Try making up your own actions.

Moses in a basket. Hidden in the river,
Is he safe? Uh oh!
Princess bathing in the water
Hears baby Moses crying, Sister gets his mother
Oh yes! Don't worry, Moses.
God is with you, God is with you, God is with you.

Moses flees from Pharaoh. Goes to live in Midian
Is he safe? Uh oh!
Sees a bush on fire! Has to take his shoes off
God says, 'Go back to Pharaoh!'
Oh yes! Don't worry, Moses.
God is with you, God is with you, God is with you.

Sometimes we hear people talk about life as being like a journey – taking many different roads and turns along the way. In the story of Moses, we see how God is with him throughout the many journeys of his life – always guiding and protecting him and the people of Israel. Like Moses, we too can be sure that God is with us as we journey through life.

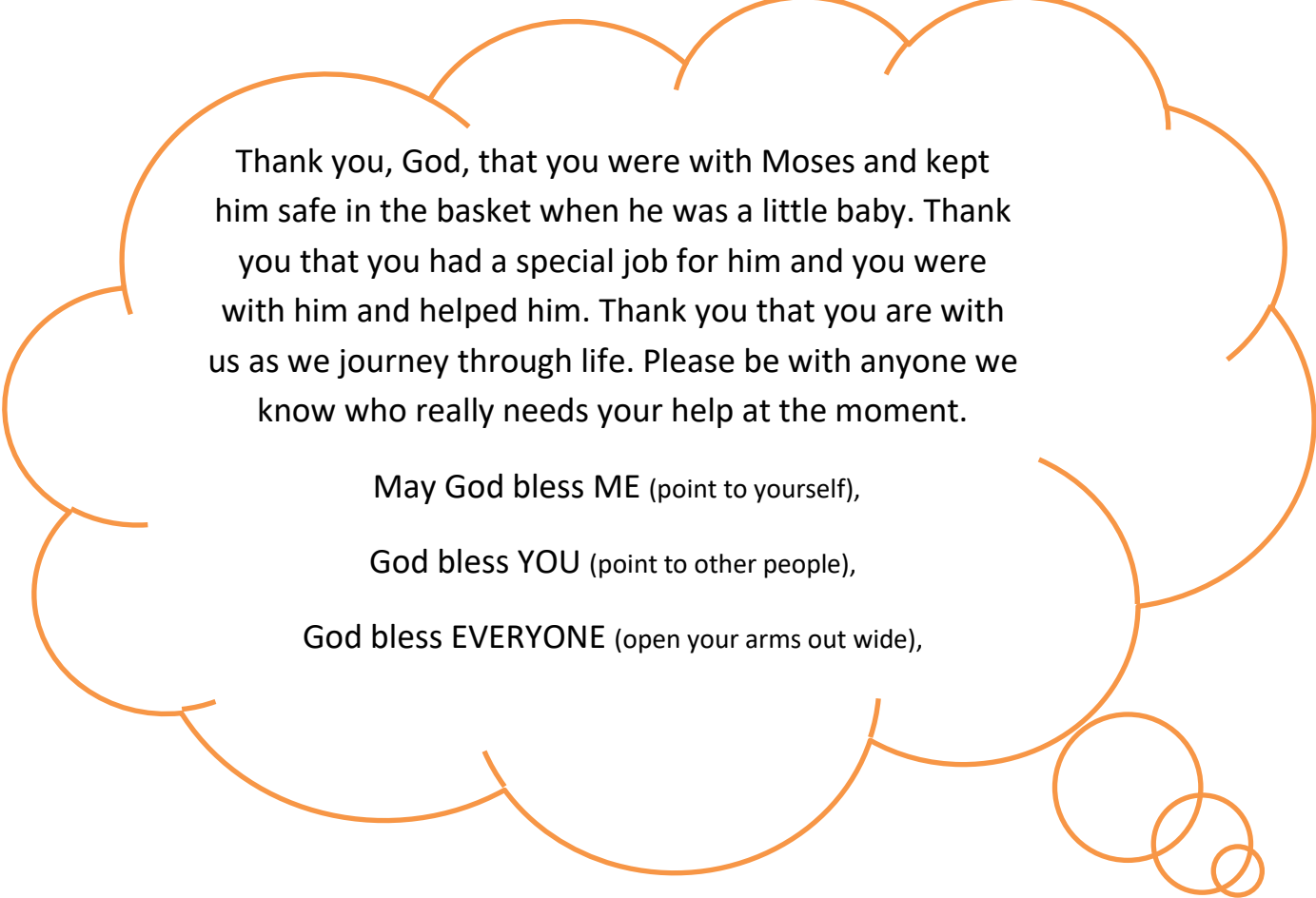
We would love to see photos of the things that you have made. You could send them to Rev Sian by email and then maybe she could put some of them on the church website or Facebook pages! If you include yourself in the photo, please get your parent or carer to give us permission to use the photo on social media! revsianlawton@gmail.com



If you came to our last few JAM sessions before lockdown, you may remember that we have been singing a new song about Jesus, who keeps us safe and helps us. That theme fits really well with our story of Moses! Can you sing along with it on here and do all the actions – and maybe teach other people in your house? It's called "My Lighthouse"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

And now, let's finish with a thank you prayer and our special JAM prayer



Thank you, God, that you were with Moses and kept him safe in the basket when he was a little baby. Thank you that you had a special job for him and you were with him and helped him. Thank you that you are with us as we journey through life. Please be with anyone we know who really needs your help at the moment.

May God bless ME (point to yourself),

God bless YOU (point to other people),

God bless EVERYONE (open your arms out wide),

Love from all the JAM Team

With thanks to messychurch.org.uk for some of these ideas!