

# Moses– Lesson 1

**Read:** “Baby Moses” in My Bible Friends, Book One, by Etta B. Degering, or a comparable version.

**Discuss:** How did Moses stay safe?

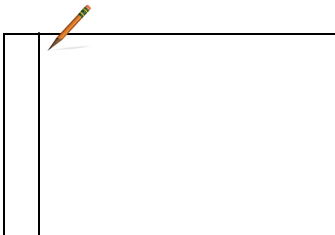
*His mom made a basket for him. She had faith that the Lord would take care of him. The power of the Lord kept Moses safe.*

**Create:** A basket for baby Moses.

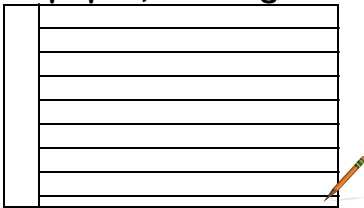
**Materials:** Construction paper, glue stick, tape or stapler, scissors, straight edge, writing utensils.

**Directions:**

1. Take one piece of construction paper, and turn it lengthwise. Show kids how to draw a vertical line one inch wide on the left side of the paper, as shown:



2. Then show kids how to draw several horizontal lines, about 1/2 inch wide, across the paper, starting at the vertical line. They do not have to be exact.



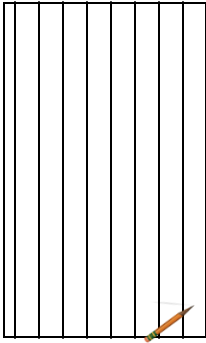
3. Kids cut the horizontal lines, starting at the right side, and stopping at the vertical line:



It will look something like this. I will call this the “mat.”



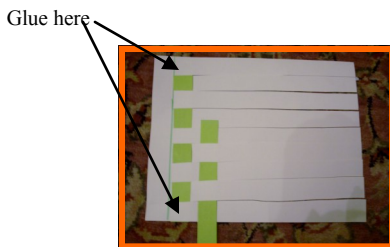
4. Take the second piece of paper, and turn it vertically. Show kids how to draw half inch lines horizontally across the paper, starting at the top and going all the way down.



5. Help kids cut these lines all the way across. They will end up with several strips of paper.

6. Now they will start to weave the strips of paper under and over the first set of strips of the mat, which are still attached together. (If kids had cut them all the way off, tape the end back together.)

7. After each strip is woven through the mat, glue the strips together at the ends.



8. When the weaving is done and all of the ends are glued, if you have just a little of the mat strips left over, that is good. It will be easier to make a nice edge. Fold every other end upwards and glue it.



Flip the mat over and do the same thing:



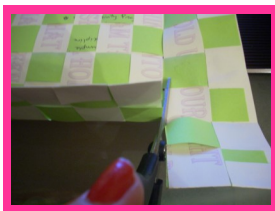
9. The next steps will be a bit tricky. Littler ones will need lots of help here. We will now turn the mat into a basket. Choose a side of the basket and fold it up along either the first or second row. The farther you choose to fold it up, the deeper the basket will be. I folded just above the second row of strips:



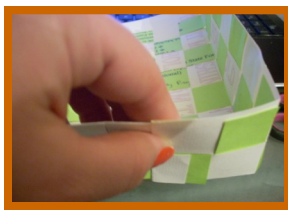
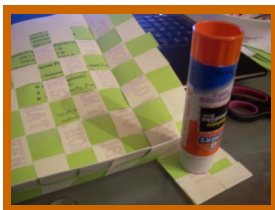
10. Unfold, and turn the mat. Fold again, the same width as the first time.



11. Unfold, and cut along the crease that was formed from the first fold, up to the crease that was created by the second fold:



12. Now pick up the flap and bring it up and over to the second fold, and glue it on. Congratulations, you just made your first corner! The second corner will be made in the same way.



13. Now for the last two corners.. You will need to make cuts along both creases:



14. Once those flaps are glued down, the basket is finished. Whew! If you have the time and energy, you could also make a top for the basket, using the same method.

