

JACK IN THE BOX FOR CHURCHES

YEAR ONE - GOD'S BIG PLAN
AUTUMN - SESSION FOUR

Learning Focus: **Trusting God**

IN THE BOX

CLOTH, JACK (PUPPET), CHILDREN'S BIBLE
STORY PROPS: 2 FIGURES, ONE CHILD, A STRIP OF BLUE
CLOTH (OR TISSUE PAPER) TO REPRESENT THE RIVER,
A BABY FIGURE IN A SMALL BASKET OR BOX



Black text - Leader's Script *Red text - Prompts for Leader* Purple text - Songs

*Sit with the children in a circle. Place the box beside you.
Take out the cloth and spread it on the floor.*

Welcome - Hello Time

Take Jack out of the box and sing the song.

🎵 (Tune: The wheels on the bus)
Welcome everyone and say hello,
Say hello, say hello.
Welcome everyone and say hello,
I'm glad you came.



Jack has brought his favourite book, the Bible.

*Jack helps to take the Bible out of the box. Show the Bible to the children and place it on the cloth.
Meanwhile everyone sings.*

🎵 (Tune: Frere Jacques)
Here's the Bible, here's the Bible.
A special book, a special book.
What's inside it? What's inside it?
Let's take a look, let's take a look.

Learn - Story Time

Baby Moses is safe (Exodus 2.1-10)

Tell the story using the story props.

(Take out baby) This is one of God's Big Bible Heroes. His name is Moses
and our story is about what happened when he was just a baby.

Baby Moses lived in a land with a bad king who didn't like baby boys. His mummy was very afraid
of the bad king and worried about how she could keep her baby safe. One day she had an idea.



She made a snug, cosy basket (*Take out basket*) and gently placed Baby Moses inside. As she did so she prayed to God, "Please keep my baby safe."

(*Take out figure*) Moses' big sister Miriam watched as her mother picked up the basket. "What are you doing?" she asked. "I'm going to float the basket on the river," said her mother, "We must trust God to take care of Baby Moses because it's not safe to keep him at home"

Miriam and her mother went together to the river and placed the basket, like a little boat, to float among the reeds. (*Lay out blue strip and place basket on top*)

"What will happen to Moses?" thought Miriam. "I wonder how God will keep him safe. I must stay and watch." So she hid among the reeds and waited...

Before long Miriam saw a beautiful lady coming to the river to wash. (*Take out 2nd figure*)

"It's the princess!" thought Miriam in surprise. She held her breath as she watched to see what would happen next.

The princess noticed the basket at the edge of the river. Gently she pulled it towards her and peeped inside. "Oh! It's a beautiful baby!" said the princess. She picked up Moses and cuddled him gently in her arms.

Big sister Miriam had been watching carefully. Suddenly she had the most brilliant idea! She ran from her hiding place to speak the princess. "Excuse me Princess," she said politely, "Would you like somebody to look after the baby? I know just the right person."

"Yes please!" said the princess, "What a good idea. Thank you."

Off ran Miriam as fast as she could, home to her mother. "Come quickly!" she said, "Moses has been found by the princess and she wants someone to look after him."

Miriam and her mother hurried back to the river. "Would you like me to care for the baby for you?" the mother asked the princess. "Oh, yes please," replied the princess, "You look after him now, and when he is older I would like him to come to live with me at the palace."

So the princess handed baby Moses back to his own mother to be cared for. She had her baby back safely, and one day he would live in the palace!

"We were right to trust God to keep Moses safe," thought Miriam as they walked home, "I wonder if he will grow up to be somebody special."

Reflect - Thinking Time

Can anyone remember what Jack likes to do when he's looked at the Bible? He likes to have some thinking time. (*Put finger on chin*) Let's sing the song.

🎵 (*Tune: Here we go round the mulberry bush*)
Now we're ready for thinking time, (*point to head*)
Thinking time, thinking time. (*point to head*)
Now we're ready for thinking time, (*point to head*)
What can I learn today. (*put finger on chin*)



Pretend that Jack is whispering in your ear.

Jack says Miriam was a very good big sister to think of such a clever idea. She trusted God, and God kept Moses safe. Jack would like to think about his family now, and pray for them. I wonder if there are people in your family you would like to think about and pray for too.

Let's all have a quiet moment to think... *Pause, and then hear the children's ideas.*

Respond - Prayer Time

Now we're going to get ready to talk to God. Let's sing.



(Tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star.)

We know God is always there, *(point up)*

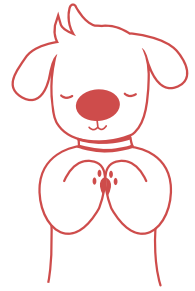
Now it's time to say a prayer. *(hands together)*

Stretch hands wide then give a clap, *(as sung)*

Fold them safely in your lap. *(as sung)*

We know God is always there, *(point up)*

Now it's time to say a prayer. *(hands together and close eyes)*



Thank you God that we can trust you to take care of us and everyone in our family.
Please look after the people we love. Amen

Goodbye Time

We've had fun with Jack but he's sleepy now and needs to go back in his box. We'll see him again soon.

*Invite several of the children to help you to put away the Bible and props while remembering what has been learnt.
As you sing Jack waves goodbye to the children.*

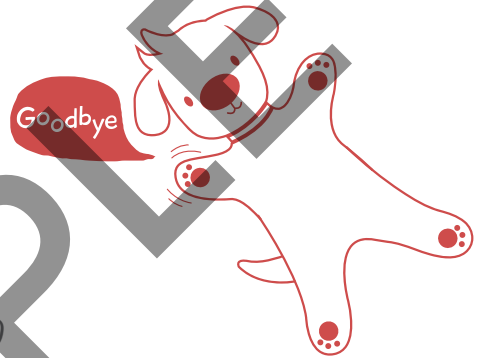


(Tune: first two lines of Baa Baa Black sheep repeated.)

Goodbye everyone, wave goodbye to Jack,

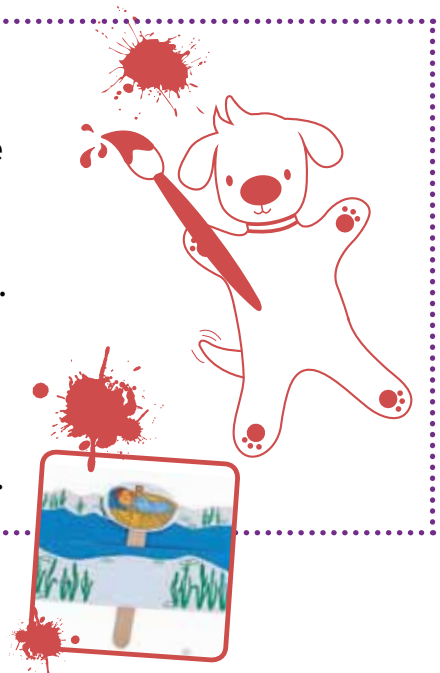
We've had fun and he'll be back. *(repeat twice)*

Jack goes back in his box.



Explore Together

- Talk about each child's family. Draw and label all the people in your family. Make a picture frame with pieces of card and decorate with stickers.
- Bring in dolls, blankets and shoebox "baskets" to play with.
- Make a princess crown by decorating a strip of card.
- Make baskets with playdough.
- Activity sheet below – cut out baby and basket, make a slit to put the baby in, stick on a small piece of felt as a blanket.



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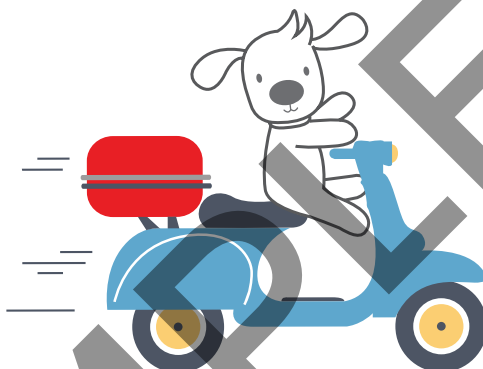
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