Jochebed
—Lesson talking points and worksheet review
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Lesson:
The courage of faith…She saw
The reward of faith…Deliverance

Verse: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

Introduction:
• Show pictures of 5-6 babies.
• Ask how they would describe the babies. Are they beautiful? Are there any that are not beautiful? Ask if they had to choose to save the life of one, which one would they pick? Could they make that choice?

Keep this in mind when we do today’s story.

Story:
• Once again, we will start out with the facts so that we can understand why today’s character was included in the hall of faith.
• The Children of Israel (God’s chosen people, the Jews) are living in Egypt (show map). Joseph, a Jew had been taken to Egypt and God used him there to provide leadership and deliverance during a terrible famine. Joseph dies and the Pharaoh (king of Egypt) also dies. A new Pharaoh comes to power – this king does not know Joseph. He feels threatened by the Children of Israel (they are growing and becoming strong)
• This is where our story begins. To understand the act of faith you need to understand the background. Fill out on worksheet.
• Seeing Egypt
  o Taskmasters (2:11) – physical beatings at the approval of the Pharaoh
  o Forced labour – brick making, field work (Exodus 1:14)
  o Infanticide at birth – no compassion (even Hitler tricked Jews into thinking they were having showers) (1:16)
  o Killing of children
  o Duration of at least 80 years – more likely closer to 150 (64 years between Joseph and Moses, Moses leaves Egypt at age 80)
  o The punishment for disobedience of slaves was severe (ancient history – often burning alive, drowning, decapitation)
  o Often the whole family was punished, not just the one who acted (ancient history). Jochebed has an older daughter and son. (Exodus 2:4)
  o In the midst of all of this, Jochebed has a child (show pictures of babies). What do you think she thought of her baby? Was it different from what other mothers thought?
  o The Bible says she saw that he was a good child (not ordinary). Was she just seeing with her eyes? Any mother could see that. No, she saw something greater. With eyes of faith, she saw that there was a possibility of deliverance.

• What does she do?
  o Hides him for three months at home (Imagine the risk - babies cry the most in the first 2 months of life) – Exodus 2:2
  o Makes a basket – puts him in the river, leaves her young daughter to supervise (trusts in the Lord to keep him safe) – Exodus 2:3-4
  o Volunteers to be the child’s nurse when Pharaoh’s daughter discovers him (Imagine the risk – wouldn’t there be enquiries? Where is your child? How can you nurse this baby?) Exodus 2:9
  o Read Hebrews 11:23…NOT AFRAID of the King’s Commandment. Is she crazy? How can she not be afraid? Isn’t it foolishness? That is faith.

• What is the result (reward)? Read Exodus 12:31, 37, 40 – 41
  o Deliverance for 600,000 men plus women and children (2 million)
  An ending of 150 years of slavery

Lesson:
Believing is not seeing with our physical eyes (that was yesterday’s lesson). It’s seeing with eyes of faith. Looking beyond the situation, looking beyond our fears, looking at an impossible situation and trusting God that He is good and will do the impossible

Verse:
Have them write out Isaiah 12:2. Ping-pong.

Quiet Time Reading:
Psalm 27
Why is the psalmist (writer) not afraid – find out all the reasons.
What promises are in this Psalm (song). Pick one to think about today.
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What she did

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What she got

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