

# Everyone Deserves a Home - a Lesson on Adoption

**Goal:** Students will learn about the loving choice of adoption and explore stories of people who have been adopted. Activities will reinforce a thankfulness for family and home and a desire to pray for and support those children who do not have either.

**Materials:** coloring supplies or watercolors

## GRADES 1-3 - Lesson II (Year III, Day 3)

**Lesson:** Sing a silly song with the kids about Moses such as [Pharaoh Pharaoh](#).

Moses was a man who listened to God and helped to lead God's people, the Israelites, to the Promised Land. Before this happened, when Moses was a baby, God sent someone to adopt Moses so that he would have a safe home to grow up in. Remind the students of the idea of adoption—most of the time babies are born and live with their moms and dads and other members of their families. Other times, moms and dads realize they cannot take care of their baby, so they ask for help from other people. Those other people can be adoptive parents who invite the baby into their homes and make them a part of their family. Let's listen to the story of how Moses was adopted.

**Watch:** [Baby Moses Story](#) or [Little Bible Heroes Moses](#) or read the story of Baby Moses

### **Discussion:**

What did we learn about Moses' birth?

When he was born, Moses' mother was unable to care for him. What did she do? Did she do that because she loved Moses?

Who became Moses' adoptive mother? Do you think she loved him?

**Activity:** [Coloring page](#) for Moses' adoption story. The children can color or paint this.

**Discussion:** There are children today, like Moses, whose moms and dads love them so much that they entrust them to another family who can take care of them best. Do you know any children who are adopted?

**Prayer:**

*Dear God, when you create new people for the world, you create them to be part of a family. Some families are big and some are small. Some families live in the city and some in the country. One thing is true about all families—there is lots of love! Sometimes parents cannot take care of their children. When that happens, we ask that You send them new families. Please let these children find families to love them, and give them everything they need to grow up happy and healthy! We thank You for our families! Amen.*

*Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website*