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# A MOTHER'S FAITH

*Contributed by Lily Scott*

The greatest power on earth is a mother's faith. This coupled with her love takes her children through troubled waters to success.

**Characters:**

Miriam – Sister  
Baby Moses – Baby Son  
Amram – Father  
Jochebed – Mother  
Narrator  
2 Soldiers  
Princess

**Props:**

A wicker basket  
Bundle of reeds or rushes

**Program Target:**

To help young adults increase their faith in a prayer – hearing, prayer answering God.

**Narrator:** The children of Israel increased abundantly, multiplied and waxed exceeding mighty and the land was filled with them. And the new king over Egypt said, "Behold the people of Israel are more and mightier than us, let us deal wisely with them," so they set over task masters to afflict them with burdens, and Pharaoh decreed, "Every male child born to the Hebrews should be cast into the river."

SCENE 1

*(Two soldiers peering from side to side. Miriam in background.)*

**1st Soldier:** It should be this tent. I passed through Goshen two weeks ago, and I am certain I heard infant crying. We must find him and carry out the king's orders.

**2nd Soldier:** I am certain there is no baby here, our two nurses are sure he couldn't stay hidden for so long. Call the girl there (*points*). She may tell us of him.

**2nd Soldier:** Hey, come here, where is the baby?

**Miriam:** There is no baby in our tent, sir.

**1st Soldier:** Well, we will have to search your tent. *(They search.)* You have really hidden well, but take care, we will return and our next visit will not be fruitless. *(Exit.)*

**Miriam:** *(Takes out the baby.)* Dear little brother, how could I give you up to those cruel soldiers, and see you drowned in the Nile River? No, no, mother will think of a plan to save you.

## SCENE 2

*(Jachebed enters, rough clothes, box of straw, bundles of green sticks, etc. Miriam runs to meet her.)*

**Miriam:** Mother, I am so glad you are home, but what heavy loads you carry. Let me help you in with this large box of straw and rushes. Did you have to carry everything?

**Jochebed:** *(Sighs wearily.)* Thanks to Jehovah, I had a safe day, and in reply to your questions, I have need of these. Don't forget we are slaves in this strange land. Very soon, you will be called to work in either the field or brickyard. This box of straw is to be shredded and put in my quota of bricks, and I have plans for this bundle of rushes. But what of you, daughter dear, did you have a good day? How are Aaron and the baby?

**Miriam:** Mother, mother, a dreadful thing nearly happened today. The soldiers nearly took the baby. I was weeding the onion patch when little Aaron spied them. He told me and I quickly hid the baby in the grass and weeds. The warm sun made him fall asleep, so when the soldiers questioned me, and I replied, "No baby is in that tent." I was not really lying. *(Wrings hands and sobs.)* But mother, what shall we do? We can't hide him any longer.

**Jochebed:** *(Comforts the child.)* Miriam dear, dry your tears, remember the Lord Jehovah is our refuge, and underneath us are His everlasting arms. It was not the warm that made our little one fall asleep, it was the great I AM Himself that quieted the baby. Always remember to trust in God; He can do all things. Daddy will soon be home, so come and help me prepare the evening meal. *(Both exit.)*

*Sing Here*

**Narrator:** Later that evening after supper, the children are in bed, their father is

### Australia

**CHRIS:** Say, hold it! Not so fast, young lady. I have the best thing, and it's a surprise. While you are listening to your Christmas bells, we are having fun preparing to spend Christmas, where? Who wants to guess?

**ALL CHORUS:** At a party? Where?

**CHRIS:** On the beach!

**ALL ECHO:** On the beach? *(They look amazed, horrified, as if he had gone crazy.)*

**CHRIS:** Yes, on the beach. It's a hot, dry season with usually 114-degree temperature, so Santa Claus will use a bath suit instead of warm clothes.

**ALL LOOK RELIEVED AND CHORUS:** Really? Interesting!

**ALL:** Any more interesting stories, Chris?

**CHRIS:** A week or two before Christmas we have parties, put up the Christmas tree, and exchange gifts. Naturally the family is together. The older people used to keep a certain custom, which was fun when we were children – a steamed pudding with a sixpence (*five-cent piece*) in it, which we had to find. Why not try our baked potatoes off that plate (*points to it*)? It's very tasty. Last, we have a unique custom of singing carols by candlelight and have a special carol like that...

*Music – "Singing a Song by Candlelight"*

### India

**LUCAS:** That all sounds very interesting, but in my country, India, our calendar is based on the moons; and as Christmas is a Christian function, we have our celebration with a different name, Dewali (*Devali*), and at a different time of the year. This celebration lasts from October to November, which to us is our season of lights. To begin, during Dewali (*which really means "row of lights"*), every house is illuminated both the inside and outside. There are lights on walls and gates; there are gardens with candles, fluorescent lights, or just any kind of light you can think of. You see, ours is an outdoor affair, in the warm season, when the poinsettias and other flowers are in bloom.

**HOST:** Do you have any special traditions or customs attached to this?

**LUCAS:** Well, merchants, debtors, everyone tries to pay all bills and get a fresh start. We give each other lemons (*our symbol of long life and prosperity*) and a baksheesh (*monetary gift*) to the milkman and the mailman. We have rangoli (*pictures of birds and flowers made from colored sand*) competitions. The children have fun waking up early in the morning (*about 4:00 a.m.*) to create these patterns and have them ready for the day. These last about one or two weeks.

**HOST:** Any pre-Christmas or pre-Dewali preparations?

**LUCAS:** Painting, housecleaning, and making an elaborate breakfast are all part of it. We give simple gifts of sweets, food, and goodwill gifts. Indoors we light the lamps and have candles on the top of colored water in cylindrical glasses, but outdoors we have parades, games, Rangoli competitions, and street musicians. We are able to spend much time outdoors, for it is a warm season, one of homecoming, joy, greeting, and light to add to the mystery of it all.

*Music – “Sing We Now of Christmas”*

### Germany

**HOST:** Let's turn our thoughts to Europe. Annchen-Marie, you lived in Germany, what is Christmas like there?

**ANNCHEN**

**-MARIE:** Let ME tell you about West Germany. Christmas Eve, Hielge Nacht, or Holy Night follows Ruhe Tag, or Quiet Day, and it is all as the words explain. On that night everyone is in church for Holy Communion, which is followed by a Christmas feast. No physically fit person misses church that night. An air of holiness pervades both day and night as even the music of the TV programs is geared to meditation of the Savior's birth.

**HOST:** What then of Christmas Day, Ann?

**ANNCHEN**

**-MARIE:** Oh, that's the first day of Christmas, a real family reunion day, but the second day of Christmas is a friend's reunion day.

**HOST:** Ann, what about the children? When do they get their presents?

**ANNCHEN**

**-MARIE:** Strange enough, the children receive their presents in November at the beginning of the season. It is then on St. Nicholas Tag, the youngest child of the family lights the candles which are kept burning until the fourth day after Christmas

# BIBLE QUIZ

## Directions

Name the people found in these texts.

<b>Clue</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Answer</b>
A business woman	<i>Act 16:14-16</i>	Lydia, seller of purple
Problematic woman	<i>I Kings 16:29-31</i>	Jezebel
Minister of music	<i>Judges 4:6, 14</i>	Deborah
Generous New Testament. woman	<i>Acts 9:36-41</i>	Dorcas
An Old Testament. mother-in-law	<i>Ruth 3:1</i>	Naomi
To the 4 <sup>th</sup> power and the law	<i>Numbers 27:1,7</i>	Four daughters of Zelophehad
Society maiden to queen	<i>Esther 2:17</i>	Esther
Single parent	<i>2 Kings 4:1-7</i>	The widow
Sick woman	<i>Luke 8:43-48</i>	Woman-touch of faith
Sad woman	<i>Luke 7:13</i>	Widow of Nain

## PRAYER CONTACT

**Objective:** This is United Prayer Contact time. It's a call to prayer. We have all agreed that there is a primary need for our children. The secondary need is for us. This evening we launch a prayer contact program.

1. Have all the persons interested in Prayer Contact to write their names on a slip of paper and drop it in a hat prepared for the occasion.
2. Shake up the contents of the hat.
3. Let each person draw a name.
4. Find the owner of that name for your prayer partner.
5. Prayer will be done in pairs with each set of partners.
6. When the first bell rings three pairs will form one group.
7. People will have a chance to share their most unforgettable answers to previous prayer requests.
8. When the second bell rings time will then be given to hear four of the most outstanding answers from each group.
9. People will be asked for prayer requests.
10. A selected person will make an intercessory prayer, and another selected person will give a prayer of thanksgiving.
11. At the end of the session each person will repeat one Bible promise and share its significance.

**Extension:** *This Prayer Contact will continue in the following week by telephone prayer partners who will have decided on the best time to pray together.*

*The week of Prayer Contact will end with a **Prayer Breakfast**.*



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Working with the youth brings a creativity and vibrancy unknown to those who have never worked with them. So together let's give thanks for the youth. Celebrate them through skits, programs and activities. This is the world of tomorrow. Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate!