

Mothering Sunday Talk

To the children:

Who likes to be brave?

How can we be brave?

Is it difficult being brave?

Adult question – what makes a great woman?

Well the story we heard read earlier is about 5 women who were great women and who were very brave – lets get them up here to hear about what they did and who they are.

1. Midwives – who are you? What are your names?

We are midwives and we want to save the lives of all Hebrew boys. I'm Shirhrah and here is Puah

Why do the Hebrew boys need saving?

The King of Egypt told all us midwives that when a Hebrew baby boy is born – we were to kill it.

And Did you? - **No**

So why didn't you?

Because we fear God and didn't want to do anything against his will.

What did you say to the King when he summoned you?

We said that the Hebrew women often had their babies before we arrived and he let us go

Gosh that was extremely brave – he could have had you killed!

Jochebed – Moses' mother

Who are you and what did you want to do?

I gave birth to a fine baby boy and I knew I must save his life

Why was he in danger?

Because the King had ordered that all Hebrew boy babies to be killed.

So what did you do?

I kept him hidden for 3 months but then I knew I must let him go. If he was discovered my whole family would have been killed. I put him in a basket made from papyrus and put in among the reeds by the river

What happened next?

I asked his sister to keep watch and let me know what happened. I just had to trust God that he would look after my baby.

Miriam – Moses' sister

So you are Moses' sister – what did you do?

I watched over my brother – I wanted to keep him safe.

So what happened?

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river – she heard the baby cry and sent her maid to get it.

You must have been very frightened?

Yes but I went to speak to the princess and she took pity on the baby and decided to keep it. I asked her if she wanted a nurse for the child

What did she say?

She said yes and I went to my mother to ask if she would become the nurse

Pharaoh's daughter

So who are you and what did you want for the baby?

I wanted to give this baby a home even though I knew he was a Hebrew

Didn't you think that your father would be cross? And that he would punish you

Yes but the baby was so little