

Chattabox
session
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People of
God: Miriam

Welcome

Hi guys,

Even though we can't meet at church like we normally do, we can still have Chatabox!

There are some things here for you to do, and we would love you to share them with us after.

To share what you've been getting up to, please email children@newburybaptistchurch.org



Last Week

Do you remember what happened last week? Something to do with smelly feet!

Did you do something good for someone else this week like the woman did for Jesus in the story?



God's People Song

We have another person of God this week, so to get us ready to learn about them, let's sing.

[Click here](#) to sing our song about how all the people we are learning about are just like you and me.

Getting Started

Today we're learning about a little girl called Miriam who served God when she was a girl and all through her life.

We have a special guest to tell us the first part of the story today, let's see what he has to say....

A message from Albert

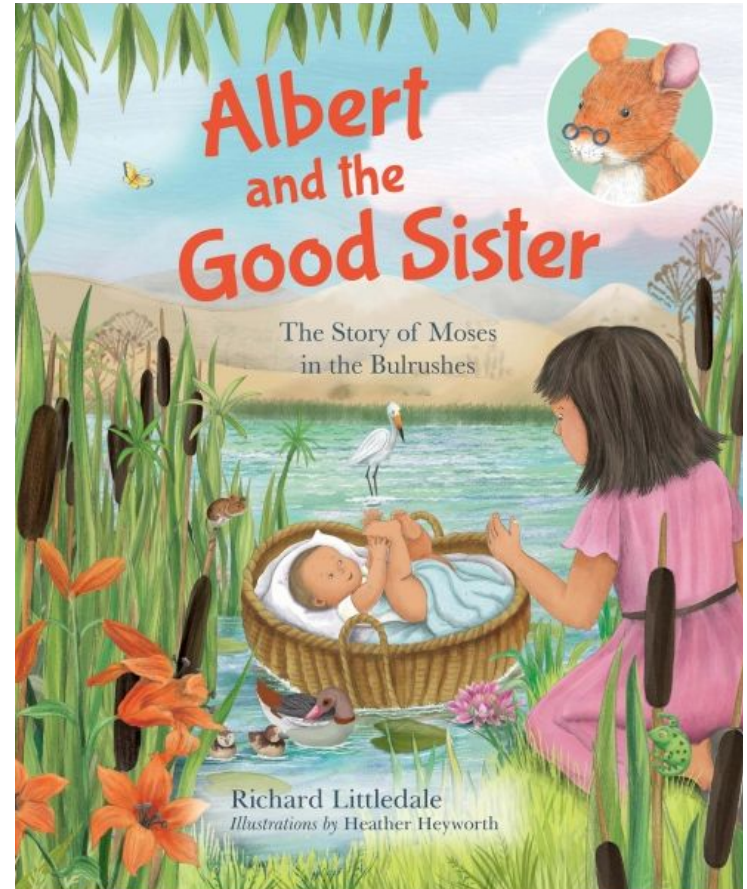


"Hello chattabox - Albert the mouse here. When I first started out, I only meant to tell one Bible story - and that was the story of Noah's ark. It turns out, though, that people quite like a little mouse's point of view. After that, I started telling lots of stories from God's best book - the Bible. My Great Aunt Lapis once lived with a little girl called Miriam, and used to keep a very careful eye on her. I think you should do the same. One small act of being brave led to a whole lifetime of adventures. Take a look. Got to go now - I need to wash behind my ears and find somewhere for a nice cosy nap"

Albert's story

[Click here](#) to watch the story of Albert and the Good Sister, Miriam

Come back afterwards to find out what happened next



Miriam, part 2

Wasn't that a great story about Miriam looking after her baby brother and being such a good sister?

Lots of the time when we read or listen to a story from the Bible we hear about something a person did and then we don't find out anything else about them.

That doesn't mean they don't keep doing things for God though, just that the next part of their story is not in the Bible.

For Miriam, we do know some other things she did, so let's see what happened next for Miriam.

Miriam, part 2

Many years later, Moses and Miriam were both grown ups now. God called Moses to lead his people out of Egypt (if you don't know the story, look it up - it's another good one!).

When the Israelites left Egypt, they were being chased by the Pharaoh, all the way to the edge of the Red Sea - but God had a plan! Moses parted the sea and all the Israelites were able to walk across in the dry before it closed behind them and stopped the Pharaoh's men from catching them.

The Israelites were really happy but it was Miriam who showed them the best way to say Thank You to God.



Miriam, part 2

Miriam took out her tambourine, and started to shake it dancing and singing praise to God.

Miriam led all the women (hundreds of them) in singing and dancing and praising God to say Thank You for saving them from Egypt.

That wasn't the last time we hear about Miriam in the Bible though, because we also know that she was called a prophet (remember that's someone who tells the people messages from God) which means she kept doing what God wanted all through her life.

Miriam, part 2

But there's one more time we hear about Miriam in the Bible, and this time it's when she makes a mistake.

Do you have a brother or sister (or know someone who does?) I'm sure you get on most of the time but sometimes you argue with your brother or sister, or think that something happens to them that isn't fair to you?

Well, Miriam was the same! She complained that her brother Moses wasn't the only one that God talked to, and that is wasn't fair how he was seen to more special than she and her other brother, Aaron were.

Did you sing our song today? Just like the song says, Miriam is not a superhero; she's just like you and me and



Miriam, part 2

God told her and Aaron to stop being silly and stop complaining and to help them learn their lesson he made Miriam unclean (which meant she had to go and stay on her own; a bit like being sent to your room!) for 7 days.

Miriam and Aaron quickly realised how wrong they were and that God has a different plan for everyone, and that they shouldn't compare what God asks them to do with what he asks someone else to do.

Miriam learnt her lesson and carried on serving God for the rest of her life. Just like we should learn from our mistakes and not let it stop us from doing what God wants; because remember it never stops God from loving us and wanting us to

What Next?

Miriam started doing things for God when she was the same age as you are now. And she didn't stop, all through her life.

Imagine what the story today would have been like if Miriam hadn't been a good sister?

Remember, when we become a friend of Jesus that means doing what He asks all through our lives; not just one big thing but everything we do every day.

It's also good to think about how Miriam was just as important to the story of the Israelites being saved from Egypt as Moses was. Not everything we do for God is seen by other people but it's still important to keep doing things for God all through our lives, just like Miriam did.

Let's pray

Dear God

Thank you that we can learn about different people in the Bible to learn more about you.

Please help us to be like Miriam and keep doing things for you all through our lives.

Amen

First, let's say this prayer together then you pray for something you want to say to God.

Can you think of someone who does things we don't normally say thank you for? Let's pray for those people today who do things which aren't always seen but are still really important.

Remember God will always listen to you when you pray.



Miriam is a good sister craft

You will need:

One or two cake paper case (any size or colour)

Some blue paper (optional)

Some green paper (optional)

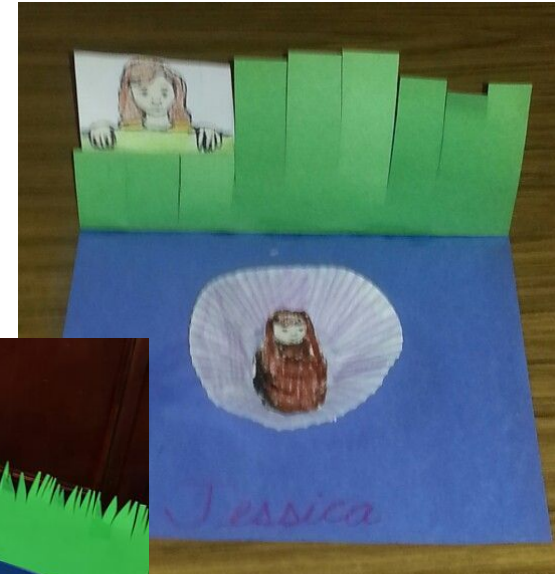
Some white paper

pens/pencils

Scissors

glue

Option 1



Option 2



Miriam is a good sister craft

The options on the previous page are ideas only, create the scene as you want to - send us a picture to children@newburybaptistchurch.org and we'll show it to everyone next week!

Step 1: draw, colour and cut out Baby Moses and Miriam

Step 2: Cut your blue paper to make a river & your Green paper to make some grass at the edge of the river (if you don't have coloured paper then draw the river and grass on some white paper).

Step 3: Use your paper cases to make a basket and put moses in the basket, in the river

Step 4: Hide Miriam in the grass at the side of the river and wait for the princess to come and find the baby :)

Miriam's song - make your own tamborine

You will need:

A grown up to help

- Two circles (paper plates are easiest but anything will do)
- Some ribbons (or string, or wool, or pipe cleaners)
- Something to be bells (bottle caps work well, or buttons)
- Scissors
- Glue / tape

Miriam's song - make your own tambourine



Step 1: glue or tape your two circles together & decorate

Step 2: with a grown up's help, make small holes around the edge and thread some ribbon through each one

Step 3: attach whatever you're using as bells to the edges. If using buttons or bottle caps, put two ribbons and two buttons/caps into each hole so they will knock against each other

Step 4: Shake your tambourine & sing praise to God!



A note for the grown ups

Hi Grown Ups,

At Chattabox we've really been enjoying putting together all these at-home sessions but we're also starting to look at whether we can meet up again sometime soon.

Please can you take a few minutes to fill out this short questionnaire to help us make the right decisions for what to do next :)

[Click here](#) to complete the survey



Keep Saving - last week

Have you been saving those boxes? Next week we'll be using what you have saved for our craft.

One more week to save those cardboard boxes.

Anything from cereal box size and bigger keep to one side for now.

(Don't worry if you can't save any boxes there will be other options for the craft it'll just be a bit smaller!)

Next Week

I hope you enjoyed Chattabox today!

Don't forget that God loves it when we celebrate and dedicate things to him.

Remember to send in pictures of what you've been getting up to or if you want to ask any questions about today's story you can email children@newburybaptistchurch.org

We'll be back next week!



From the Chattabox team :)