

# Moses: When Accidents Aren't Accidents (Youth)

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## Just for Youth

Do things just randomly happen in our lives, or does God have a bigger plan? Find out as we start a series on Moses.

### SUMMARY:

Sometimes life feels like a series of weird accidents and bad luck. But the Bible shows us that God uses these seemingly random events to do something amazing in our lives. We see how God does this at the beginning of Moses' life.

#### **Moses' life started out with bad luck**

When Moses was born the king of Egypt had a law that said all male Hebrew babies were to be killed the moment they were born. The Hebrew midwives, however, didn't follow this rule, and many Hebrew babies were hidden from the Egyptians. Moses was one these babies who survived birth and was hidden by his mom for three months.

Now, you might read about Moses' story and think that he had really bad luck. He was born at the worst time for a Hebrew baby to be born. But, as we will see in this story, this was all part of God's plan.

#### **Moses is accidentally found by Pharaoh's daughter**

Moses' mom realized that she couldn't hide the baby forever. She came up with an usual plan. She hid the baby in a basket, and floated him down the Nile river. And this is where Moses' luck begins to change.

Pharaoh's daughter was in the river and she discovered Moses. She decided to adopt him. We also learn that Moses' sister was watching all of this happen. She offered to go find a Hebrew nanny for the baby, and Pharaoh's daughter agrees. Of course, she chooses Moses' birth mom to be the nanny. So, Moses is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and is still raised for a while by his birth mom.

These are some pretty lucky accidents, right? Moses is adopted into the most powerful family in the world, and he still gets to be connected to his birth family. Hopefully, you understand that these aren't accidents.

#### **With God, there are no accidents**

God had a plan for Moses' life. God wanted him to be raised in Pharaoh's family to prepare him for the future. It was all part of God's purpose for Moses.

And there really aren't any accidents in your life, either. God allows things to happen in your life for a reason. God has a purpose for you.

**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

No matter how much bad luck you think you have, and no matter how much it seems like bad things happen to you, understand that God has a plan for your life. And if you trust in him, this is a plan that will be for your good. And one day, like Moses, you will understand how God used the random moments of

your life to accomplish his plans for you.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

[Submit questions](#)

1. **Set Up:** Watch the video together or invite someone to [summarize the topic](#).
  2. Describe a time when a random conversation or meeting changed your life.
  3. Do you think that there is such a thing as “bad luck”? Why or why not?
  4. How do we know that God was in control of Moses’ life from the beginning?
  5. Why do you think God allows his people to experience hard things?
  6. Read [Jeremiah 29:11](#). What is the promise in these verses for Christians? How can this help you when you struggle with thoughts about the future?
  7. **Takeaway:** Write a [personal action step](#) based on this conversation.
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