

The Story of Miriam

Miriam was Moses' older sister. When Moses' mother set him afloat in a basket on the river, she instructed Miriam to watch over him. Miriam stood nearby as the princess lifted Moses from the river. Once she realized that her brother was safe, Miriam suggested to the princess that she must find a mother to nurse the baby. Later, Miriam brought her own mother to the palace to nurse Moses.

Years later, Miriam fell victim to leprosy, and the Exodus had to be delayed. Moses asked God to heal his sister and she was cured.

Miriam assisted her brothers, Moses and Aaron, during the Exodus. After crossing the Red Sea and escaping the Egyptians, Miriam led all the women in a ceremonial song and dance of thanksgiving to God.

You can find Miriam's song in the Bible (Exodus 15:1-18).