

Getting Paid to Raise Your Own Kids

Exodus 2:1-10 HCSB Now a man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman. (2) The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son; when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. (3) But when she could no longer hide him, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with asphalt and pitch. She placed the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. (4) Then his sister stood at a distance in order to see what would happen to him. (5) Pharaoh's daughter went down to bathe at the Nile while her servant girls walked along the riverbank. Seeing the basket among the reeds, she sent her slave girl to get it. (6) When she opened it, she saw the child-- a little boy, crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew boys." (7) Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and call a woman from the Hebrews to nurse the boy for you?" (8) "Go." Pharaoh's daughter told her. So the girl went and called the boy's mother. (9) Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the boy and nursed him. (10) When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hebrews 11:23-28 HCSB By faith Moses, after he was born, was hidden by his parents for three months, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they didn't fear the king's edict. (24) By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter (25) and chose to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the short-lived pleasure of sin. (26) For he considered reproach for the sake of the Messiah to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since his attention was on the reward. (27) By faith he left Egypt behind, not being afraid of the king's anger, for he persevered, as one who sees Him who is invisible. (28) By faith he instituted the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Introduction: What My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me **RELIGION:**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL:**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me **LOGIC:**

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT:**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me **IRONY:**

"Just keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS:**

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM:**

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about **STAMINA:**

"You'll sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about **WEATHER**:

"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve **PHYSICS PROBLEMS**:

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you; would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**:

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times-Don't Exaggerate!"

My mother taught me **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE**:

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**:

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about **ENVY**:

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

We have an interesting story in our text today, where a mother is paid for taking care of her own child. From that I want to emphasize to you that you will also be paid for rearing your children. Let's look further at this text.

1. The Planning – vv. 1-4

A. She planned to be a Godly woman

1. Daughter of Levi - Married a man from tribe LEVI [PRIESTLY TRIBE]

2. Not afraid of the king

B. She planned to raise Godly children

1. She hid the child

2. She planned the ark.

Moses' mother had plans for her child that she acted on. Moms today can also get a plan from the Lord.

1. What plans are you making?

2. Are you a godly mother?

3. Are your plans godly plans?

II. The Protection. vv. 3, 4, 7 (Gen. 2:24; Prov. 22:6)

A. Protected by ... The Bonding. V. 3a - Develop the emotional bond

B. Protected by ... The Building [the Ark] V. 3b – Build protective boundaries

C. Protected by ... The Boating. V. 3c - Send them out into the world by faith

- [Genesis 2:24 HCSB](#) This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.
- [Proverbs 22:6 HCSB](#) Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

III. The Payment. V. 9 (3 John 1:4)

All parents receive wages. Notice her wages in the life of Moses.

1. Refused to be called son of Pharaoh's daughter. V. 24

2. Chose pain vs pleasure. V. 25

3. Chose the reproach of Christ. V. 26

4. Left Egypt. V. 27

- [3 John 1:4 HCSB](#) I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.