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Israil's family decided

to stay in Egypt. For a

long time they were

happy. The family grew.

There were many people

related to Israil and they

became known as the

Bani Israil.

For some reason the

Egyptian people did not

like the Bani Israil.

A new Firawn became ruler

of Egypt. Israil's people

became slaves to the

government. They were forced

to do many unpleasant jobs

and were treated very badly.



One night Firawn had a dream. His high priest, Haman, told him what he thought the dream meant. An Israil boy would be born and he would grow up and cause the death of Firawn.



This made Firawn very angry and so he thought of a horrible plan.

All the boys born to the Israilites would be

killed at birth.

He thought this would

stop the dream from

coming true.



Imran and his wife had two

children, a girl called Maryam

and a boy called Iram. Soon

after Firawn told of his

plan, Imran's wife found out that

she was going to have another

baby.

They were pleased but they were

also worried that if the baby was

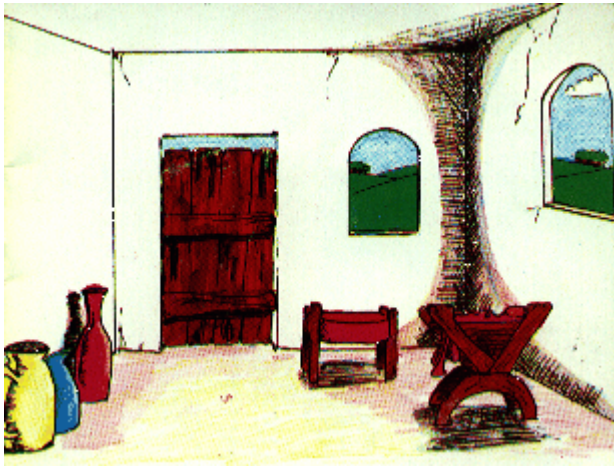
a boy, he would be killed.

She did not tell anyone that she was

going to have a baby. She stayed at

home and kept her secret until the

baby was born.



It was a boy.

She loved the baby very much but realised that if she kept him, he might be killed.

She put the baby in a special box and Maryam went with her to the river Nile.

They carefully put the box in the river and prayed that it would sail to safety.

Allah was watching over the baby. No harm would come to him.

The box sailed into Firawn's gardens. Some maids were there and saw the box caught in the bullrushes. They pulled it out

and were amazed to find a

beautiful baby inside.

They took him to Firawn's wife,

Asia, who looked at him and

knew at once that he was an Israili.

Firawn wanted to kill the

baby but Asia cried and

cried and was so upset that

eventually he said she could

keep him and even adopt him.

The baby was called Musa.

He was not happy. He cried

because he was hungry but

would not take milk from

anyone.

Maryam heard of this and she let

it be known that she knew someone

who might be able to help.

She went to her mother

and told her

what had

happened. They

went to the

palace and when

Musa was put
in her arms he
stopped crying
and took milk
from her.



With Allah's help
Musa and his
mother were reunited.
She was able to look after
Musa for a long time and
he loved her dearly.

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