

Moses' Mom
Exodus 1:1-2:10

“Kill the Israelite boys”

¹⁵ *The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives...¹⁶ “When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”*

God honoured her faith.

⁵ *Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it.⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.*

What is a mother to do?

...she hid him for three months. (cf Heb 11.23)

Take Aways

1. There are no perfect families.
2. Being a parent is never easy.
3. There are times when the best thing for a child is for someone other than the parents to raise him or her.
4. Children who grow up in care, or adopted, are not second class citizens.
5. Remember to pray for families in crisis, foster and adoptive parents, and the children.

She entrusted him into God's care.

Jochabed did all she could to keep the child safe, but in the end, it was more than she could manage.³ *But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.*