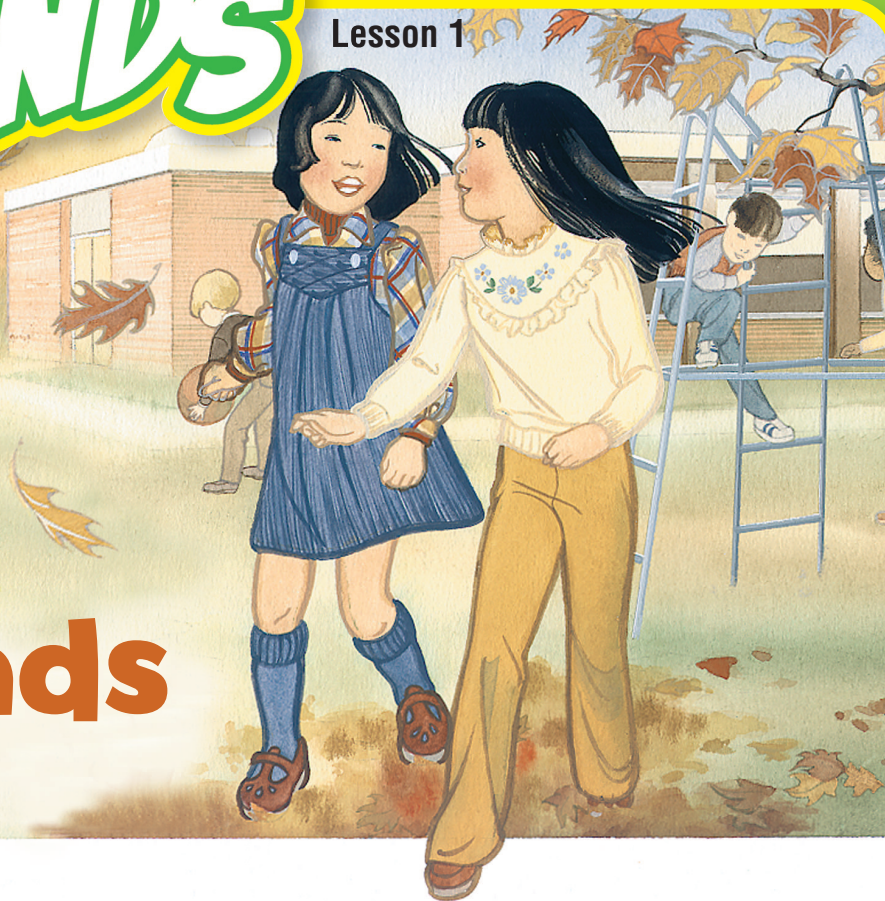


FRIENDS

Lesson 1

Best Friends



Have you ever had a best friend who moved away? I have. My name is Emma Nakawatase and my best friend's name was Olivia. Olivia was born in Japan.

At school, Olivia sat at my table and we took turns reading to each other. During recess, we played games together and had fun telling stories. I liked Olivia a lot.

But then something made me very sad. Olivia was going to move back to Japan with her family.

I talked to God about Olivia moving away. I told Him I didn't want her to leave, but Olivia's family still moved.

I also talked to my mother. She said that God could help me find friends, especially if I asked Him. At first, I didn't think I wanted

another friend besides Olivia. So I prayed, "Dear God, I'm sad Olivia's gone, but please help me find new friends."

Then one day I played with Megan, another girl at school. I was surprised to find out Megan liked the same games I did. And she liked to tell stories, too!

Olivia was still my best friend, but then Megan was also my friend. I'm glad God gave me a new friend so I wouldn't miss Olivia so much. I knew God would help Olivia, too.

Talk-a-Bit

- What did Emma do about her problem?
- What can you do when you have a problem?

Bible truth taught in this story: God sees the whole picture even when we don't.

God's Plan for Moses

Bible story from Exodus 1:7—2:10

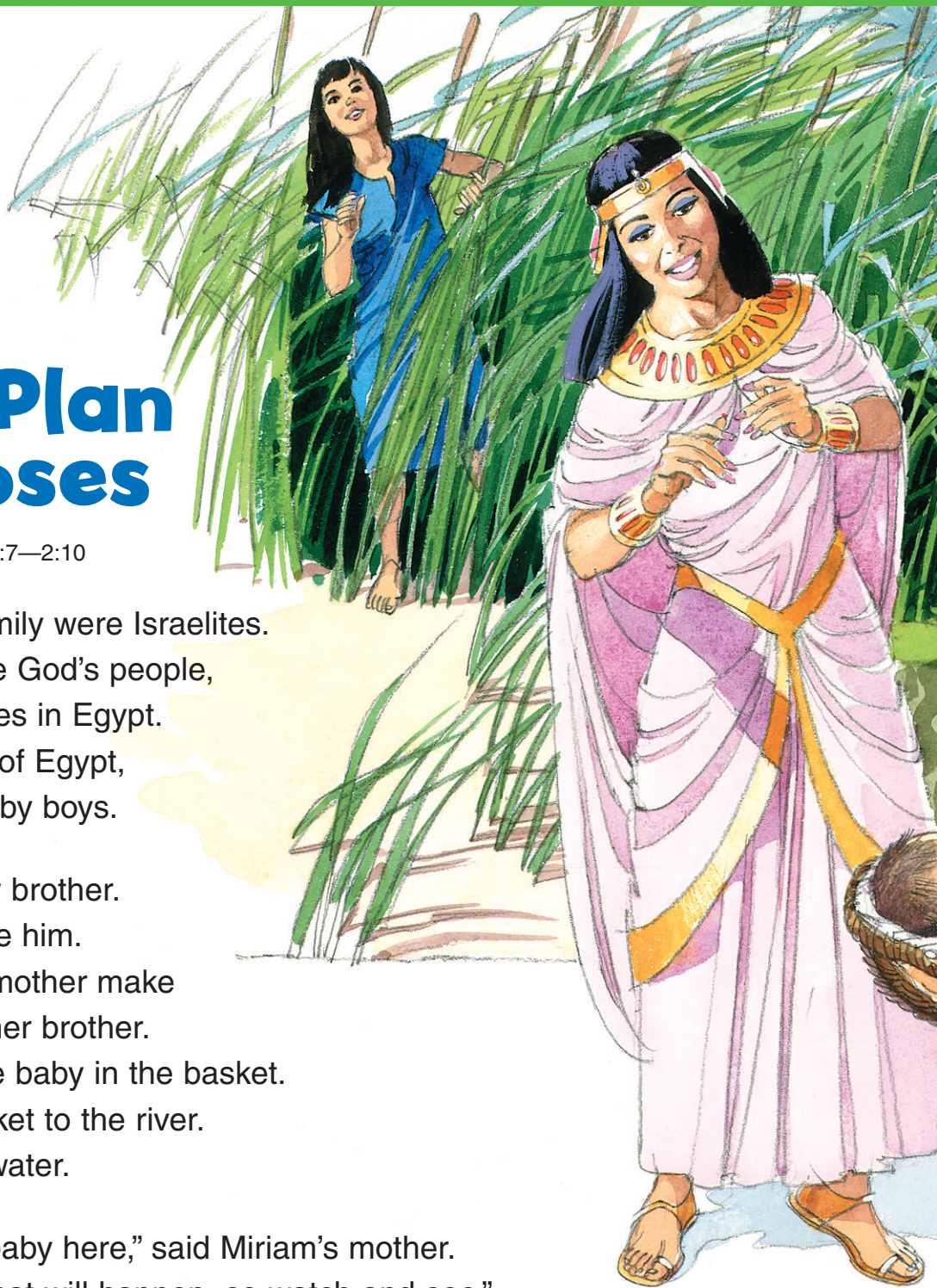
Miriam and her family were Israelites. The Israelites were God's people, but they were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was killing their baby boys.

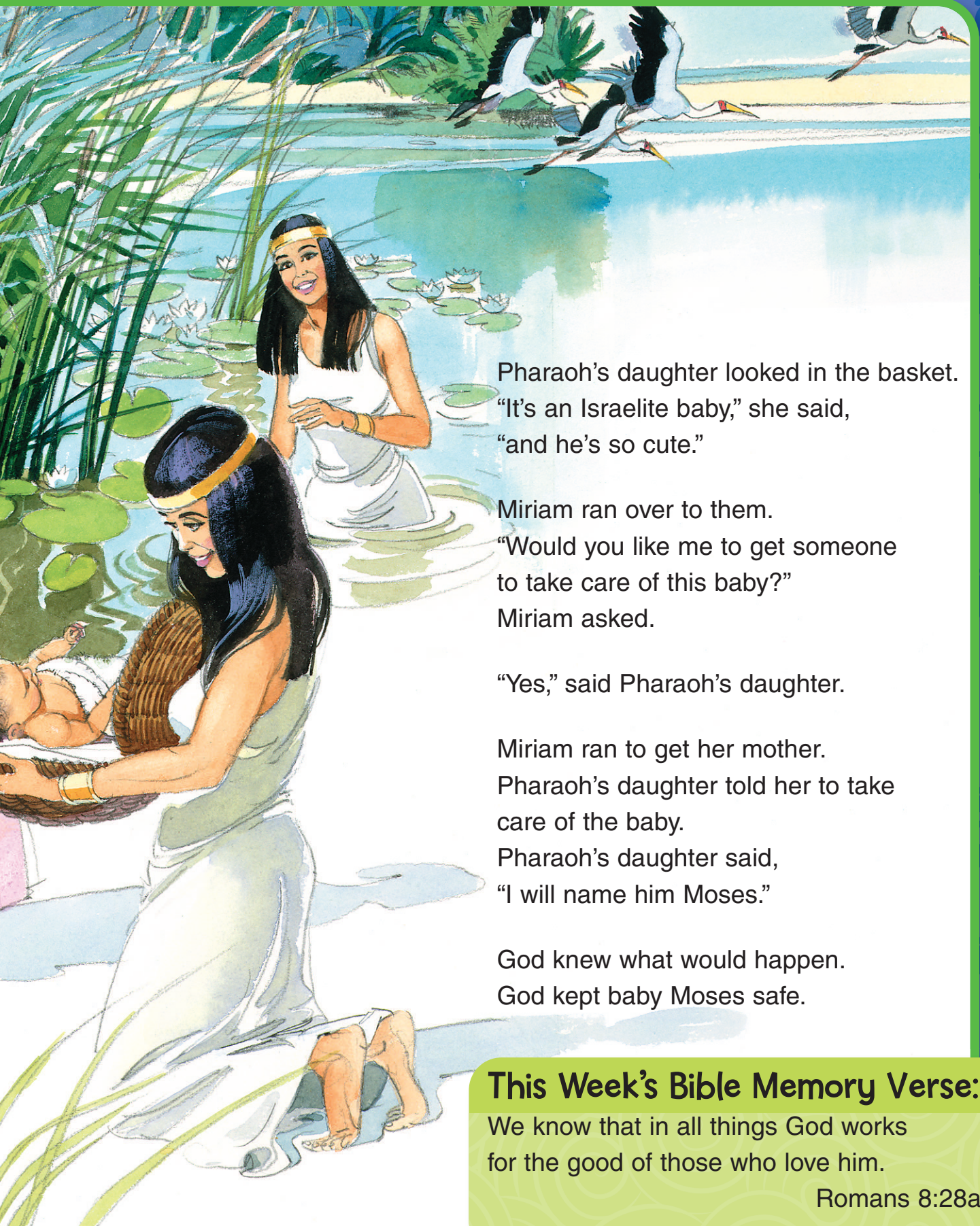
Miriam had a baby brother. She wanted to hide him. She watched her mother make a basket boat for her brother. Her mother put the baby in the basket. They took the basket to the river. They put it in the water.

"We will hide our baby here," said Miriam's mother. "We don't know what will happen, so watch and see."

Soon Miriam saw Pharaoh's daughter with her servants.

"What is that basket?" asked Pharaoh's daughter. A servant went to get it.





Pharaoh's daughter looked in the basket. "It's an Israelite baby," she said, "and he's so cute."

Miriam ran over to them. "Would you like me to get someone to take care of this baby?" Miriam asked.

"Yes," said Pharaoh's daughter.

Miriam ran to get her mother. Pharaoh's daughter told her to take care of the baby.

Pharaoh's daughter said, "I will name him Moses."

God knew what would happen. God kept baby Moses safe.

This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.

Romans 8:28a



Miriam hid to help save baby Moses. Can you find Miriam and 10 animals in this picture? Circle them.

Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

God sees the whole picture even when we don't.

picture" of these problems even though you can see just pieces.

Jigsaw Puzzle

■ As a family, do a jigsaw puzzle without a completed picture to look at. Then cut large jigsaw pieces from paper. On each piece write a problem that someone in the family is facing. Discuss how God sees the "whole

Memory Verse Activity

■ Write out the verse on a large sheet of paper. Cut it apart like a jigsaw puzzle. Put it together and say the verse together.

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