**Family Pack - Craft & Activities**

**Aimed at families with Children**
*but fun for all ages!*

# MOTHERING SUNDAY
# (Lent 4)

**Mary at the foot of the Cross - John 19.25b–27**

**Moses in the Bulrushes - Exodus 2.1–10**
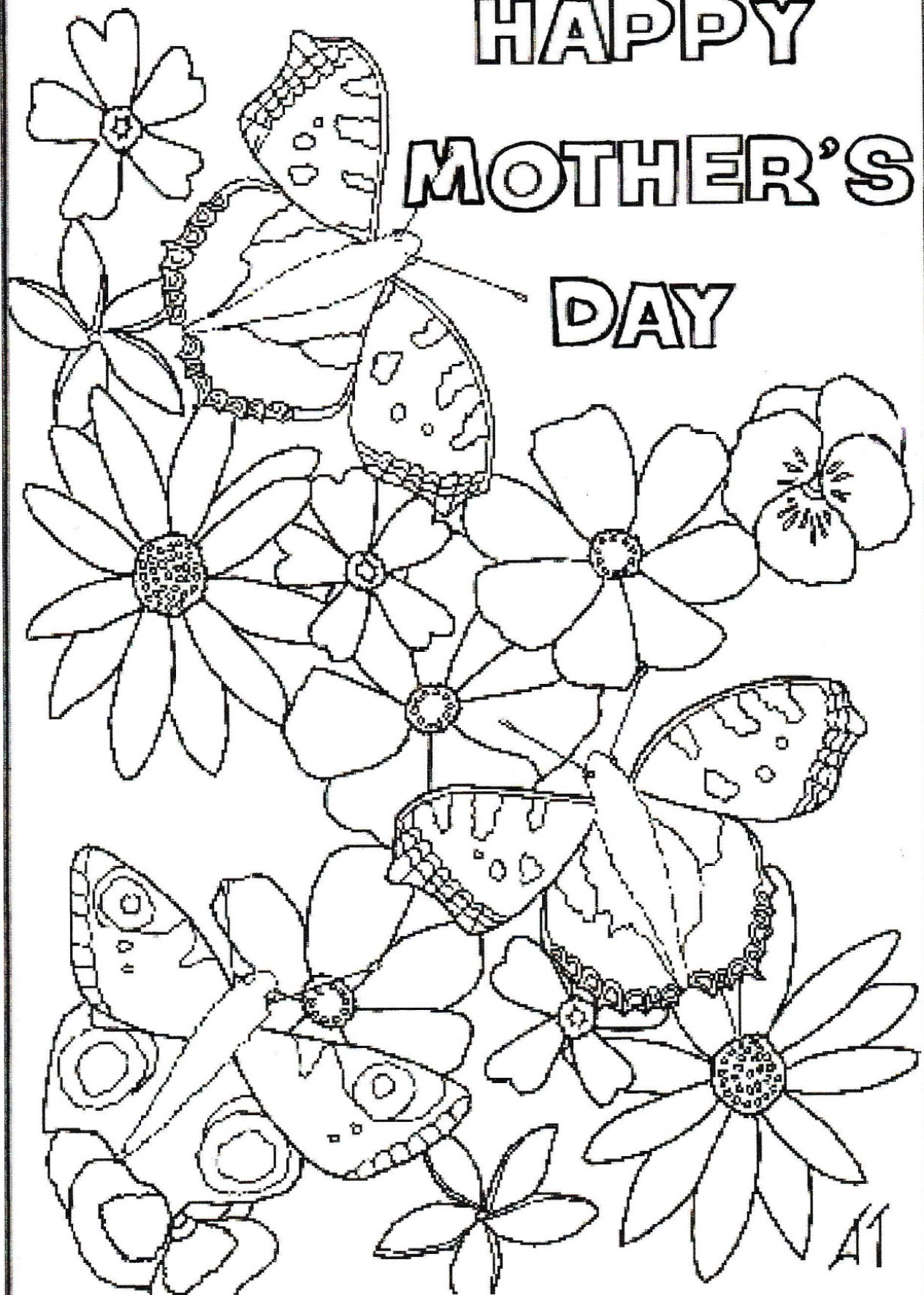
# Mothering Sunday – History

During the 16th century, people returned to their mother church for a service which was held on Laetare Sunday; in this context, one's "mother church" was either the church where one was baptized, the local parish church, or the nearest cathedral (the latter being the mother church of all the parish churches in a diocese, such as Guildford Cathedral). Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that entire families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented from doing so by conflicting working hours.
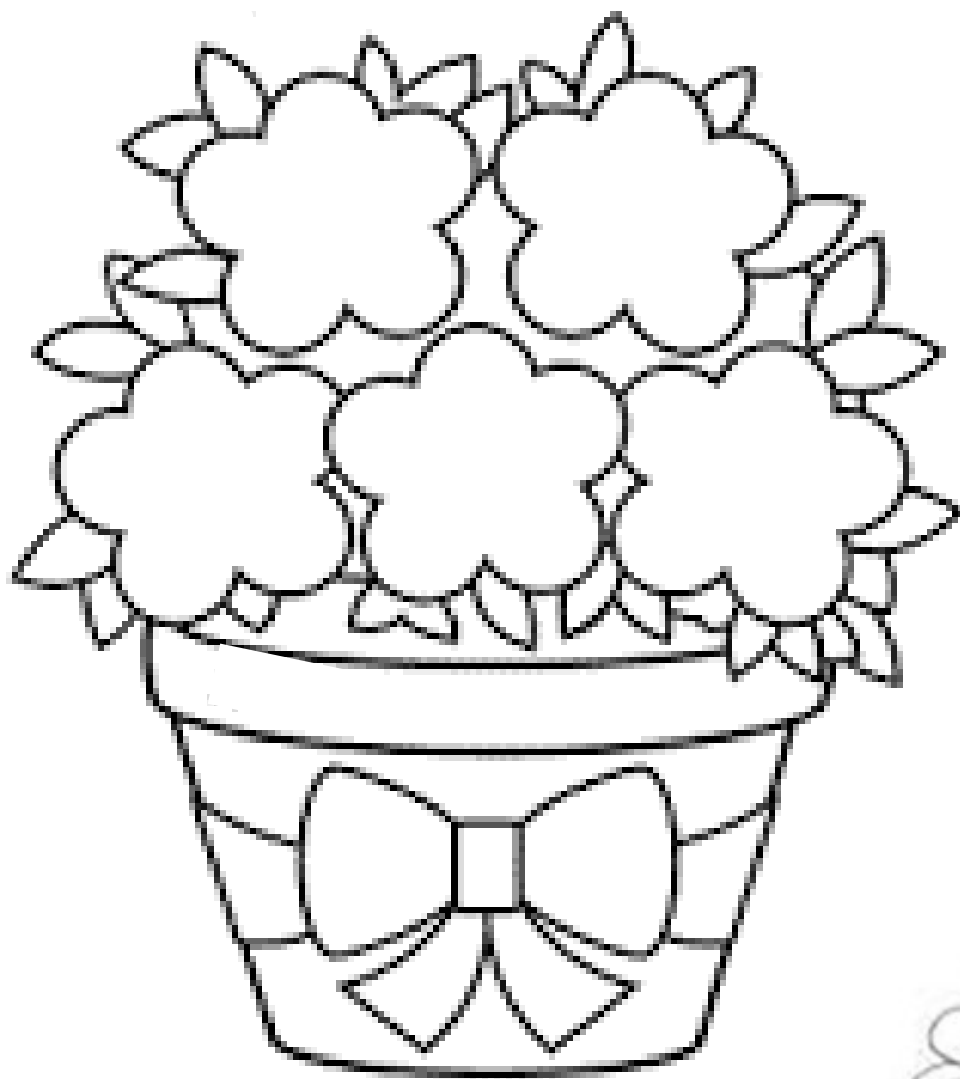
Children and young people who were "in service" (as household servants) were given a day off on that day so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children often picked wildflowers along the way either to place in the church or to give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday as we know it and presenting Mothers and Carers with a small bunch of spring flowers.

Christians in the UK celebrate Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent; this is usually close to 'lady day' when re remember that Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel who told her she would conceive a child who was God's Son—and that he would be named Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**Mothering Sunday Celebrations at St Mary's Thorpe**

Best
Mum

# Mothering Sunday

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APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
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CANDY
CHARMING
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FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
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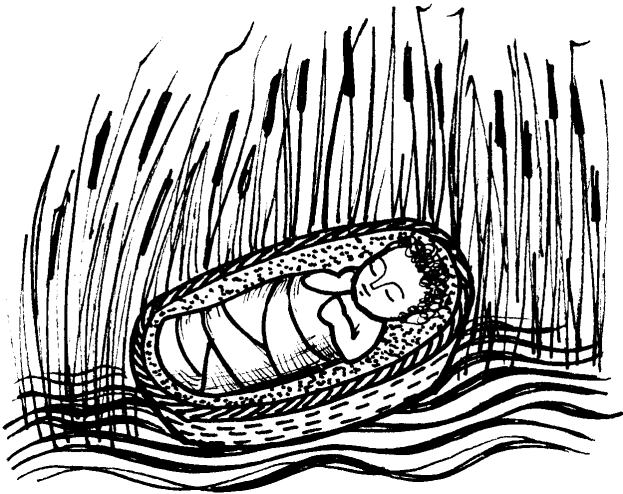PROTECTIVE
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Moses in the bulrushes

**Craft Activity — Make Moses in the Bulrushes (basket).**

All you need for this craft – A4 card or the inside of a cereal box (cut the slits so that the card will fold and stand up), small baby printout (there are some to download in this blog post), green crayons for the reeds, blue tissue paper for the water, cup cakes cases for the basket, glue.

See Exodus 2: 1-10.



**Story:**

A baby boy was born from the house of Levi, of the Hebrews, and was hidden for three months to avoid being slain by the Egyptians, as Pharoah has ordered the killing of every Hebrew son.  When the baby could not be hidden any longer, his mother put him in a basket made of "bulrushes" and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.

The daughter of Pharoah came down to bathe at the river and saw the basket with the baby inside.  She took pity on the baby and called it to be nursed and spared for Pharoah's order.  When the child grew older, he became the son of Pharoah's daughter and was named Moses as she "drew him out of the water."  Amazingly, this one spared Hebrew son would go on to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

**Memory Verse:**

"When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

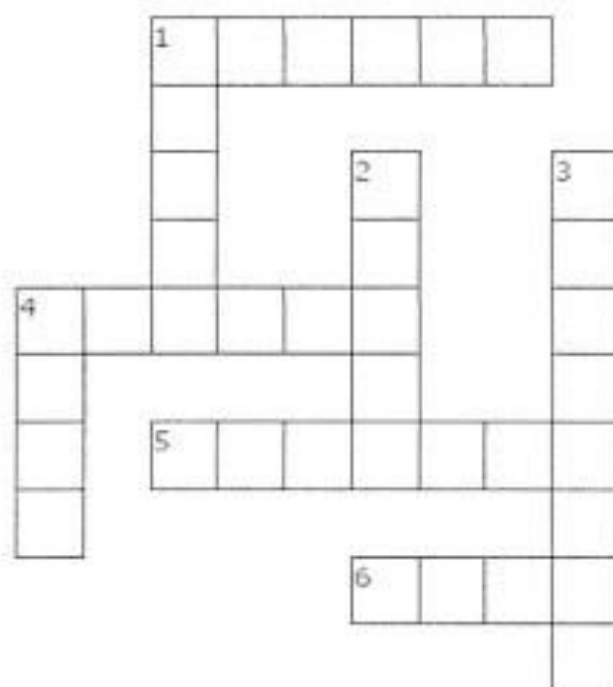*Exodus 2: 10*

# A Baby by the River

## Crossword

## A Baby by the River

When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water." Exodus 2:3 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Exodus 2:1-10



**Baby Moses**



### ACROSS

1. A woman who has given birth to a child
4. A container that is usually woven of straw and has handles
5. A king of Egypt
6. The world's longest river

### DOWN

1. An Old Testament Hebrew prophet
2. A clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid (H2O)
3. A female human offspring
4. A very young child (up to 1 year old)

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| BASKET | MOTHER | MOSES | DAUGHTER |
| BABY | NILE | PHARAOH | WATER |

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## Word Search

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| SON | DAUGHTER | MARRIED | WATER | MOSES |
|-----|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| NILE | CHILD | BIRTH | CRYING | MAN |
| BASKET | BABY | WOMAN | MOTHER | NAMED |

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## Decoder

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.
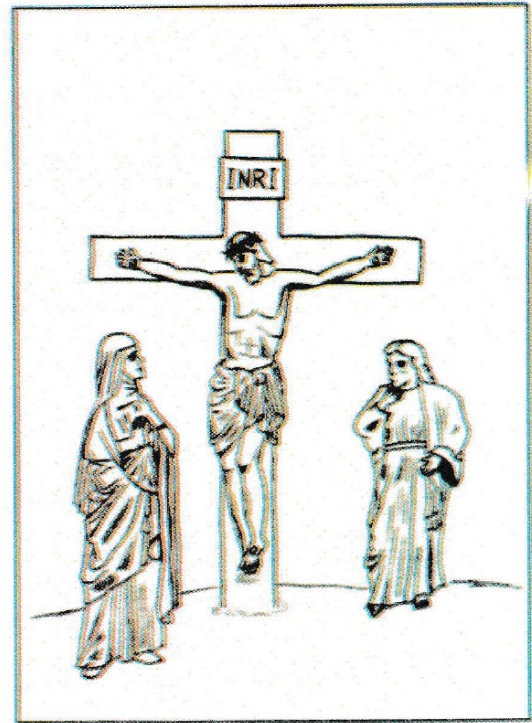
**Baby Moses**

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1. 25-2-25-20 _____

2. 25-2-18-5-15-13 _____

3. 8-26-6-15 _____

4. 11-16-20-26-8-4 _____

5. 22-2-17-4-21-13-15-16 _____

6. 7-21-2-16-2-12-21 _____

7. 19-12-13-21-15-16 _____

8. 19-12-18-15-18 _____

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|---|---|---|---|
| MOSES | PHARAOH | BASKET | DAUGHTER |
| NILE | BABY | CRYING | MOTHER |

# Today we give thanks to God for our Mothers

# Mary is the Mother of Jesus