

the children of Israel. Do you remember how cruel Pharaoh was to the children of Israel? Some of you can tell some of the hard things he made them do. The very worst thing he did was this. He said that their little baby boys should not be allowed to live (for fear they should grow up and might fight against the king of Egypt).

*The Child Moses*—One day a baby boy was born in one of the homes of the children of Israel. He was a strong, beautiful child. As the mother held him in her arms, she made up her mind that she could not and would not obey the king's orders. The boy must live! She must save him! She felt sure that God would help her plans and make them succeed.

*A Mother's Plan*—The mother thinks of a plan. She takes a basket made of bulrushes, and daubs it with slime and pitch (to keep out the water), and then she lays her baby boy in it and puts the basket among the rushes at the edge of the river Nile, where it is hidden from view. Miriam, the sister of baby Moses, was sent to watch near by.

*The Coming of the Princess*—If we had been watching we should have seen a princess (the daughter of Pharaoh) and her maidens

coming to the river to bathe, just at the place where baby Moses lies tucked up in the basket boat. Ah! the princess sees it among the rushes. "Go, fetch it to me", she says to her maid. The little ark is pulled out of the water, and placed before the princess. It is opened, and there lies the baby crying! The princess has a kind heart, and is sorry for the little fellow, although she sees that he is one of the Hebrew children. She is going to help on that mother's plan! Tell the rest of the story. His mother became his nurse, and taught the child Moses to love the true God.

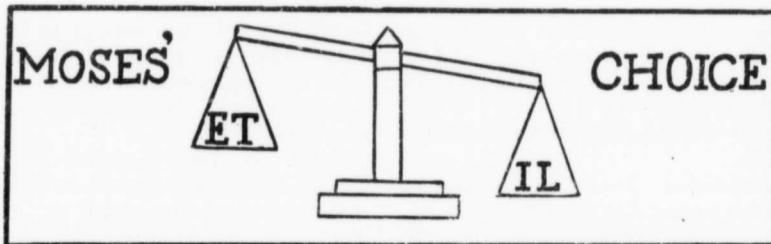
*Golden Text*—Repeat Golden Text. Moses studied at school, and became a very learned man.

*The Man Moses*—As Moses grew to be a man, he saw the cruel way in which the children of Israel were treated, and he made up his mind that he would fight for them, to save them from their oppressors.

*Something to Think About*—God is stronger than my enemies.

*Something to Draw*—Draw a basket among the rushes in the water, and remember, God saved Moses and defeated cruel Pharaoh's plan.

FROM THE PLATFORM



Draw on the blackboard a simple outline of a pair of scales, printing ET (for Egypt) on the higher, and IL (for Israel) on the lower, side. Then print over the drawing, MOSES' CHOICE. Discuss this choice with the scholars, bringing out, first, the reasons Moses had for choosing Egypt. Picture the advantages and pleasures of his life in the royal palace, regarded and treated as the son of the princess who had saved his life. Besides, there were the bright prospects that opened up before him, of becoming a powerful statesman or a great general, and thus winning for himself honor and fame. Now, take up the inducements to choose Israel. Recall the fact that the people of this nation were poor, despised and enslaved. But they were his "brethren", v. 11. Patriotism called him to make their cause his own. There was another call, however, higher than this. It was a call from God (see Acts 7:25). Press home the lesson, that, with Moses, the will of God outweighed, as it should outweigh with us, in big things and little things, all that the world can offer.