# **Disposition:** Being Open, Honest and Truthful

## **Lesson:** Three

### Question/LO: How did characters from the Jewish and Christian traditions respond to a dangerous situation? Are honesty and truthfulness the same?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | From the previous lessons, what can pupils recall about the problems that come from lying? What were the consequences for the different characters in the stories? | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views  And | Are there times when people from religious traditions were not open, honest, and truthful?  Explain to the pupils that they are going to hear a different story from Bible that is important to Jewish people and Christians. Tell the story of Moses as a baby. The story of Moses as a baby is also important to Muslims and is found in the Qur’an.  Summarise the first part of the story: Do the pupils remember the story about Joseph’s and his brothers? Joseph was sent to Egypt, and his brothers followed many years later as migrants, because of famine in their country. Many people from their country, the land of Israel, went to live in Egypt hoping for a better life and food to eat. The families and their descendants lived there for many years. The Egyptian rulers felt worried about all the extra people in their country. They enslaved the Israelite people and made them build cities for the kings. They forced them to work very hard in the fields. But then the Egyptian rulers made a law that Israelite baby boys should be killed.  Tell/read one of the versions of the story.  Discuss together. What did Moses’ mother do that was not Open, Honest and Truthful? Was this a good thing, or a bad thing? Did she want to hurt someone, or protect someone?  Activity: Ask pupils to draw a way to hide a baby in the river. Show pupils some examples of artwork.  Question: If I tell the truth, but leave somethings hidden, am I being honest? | Exodus 2: 2-10  <https://www.biblegateway.com/>  Choose International Children’s Bible  OR  ‘The secret baby’ from Bob Hartman The Lion Storyteller Bible. ISBN **9780745929217**  OR  ‘Moses is saved’ from Children of God Storybook Bible ISBN 0 0073 4984 5  (For reference the Qur’anic story is found in 28: 4-13)  Typing Moses baby into a search engine will bring up a choice of pictures.  Here is one created by a 7 year old girl  <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/archive/2012/the-basket-in-the-river/> |