

Jochebed

Hello, my name is Jochebed (Jock-uh-bed). According to the Hebrew account, I am the mother of Moses. When the pharaoh ordered all male Hebrew babies to be put to death, I hid my son in a basket and floated him down the Nile. He was found by the pharaoh's daughter who took him as her own and raised him as an Egyptian prince. When Moses grew up and discovered he was Hebrew, he demanded the Hebrews be released from slavery, but the pharaoh refused.

Performance Instructions: Dress as an Egyptian servant. While speaking, hold a basket with a swaddled baby inside. After speaking, place the basket on the floor and pretend to push it down the Nile river.

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