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- 8- *Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.*
- 9- *"Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us.*
- 10- *Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."*
- 11- *So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.*
- 12- *But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites*
- 13- *and worked them ruthlessly.*
- 14- *They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.*
- 15- *The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,*
- 16- *"When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live."*
- 17- *The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.*
- 18- *Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"*
- 19- *The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."*
- 20- *So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.*
- 21- *And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*
- 22- *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*

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