Swimming Down the Nile

Kids will act out Baby Moses' travel in the river from Miriam to Pharaoh's daughter in the game of "Swimming Down the Nile" to remember that God's plan can surprise us.

Spark Resources:

None

Supplies:

Large piece of blue fabric Blue ribbon or crepe paper Crown Head scarf

Set-up:

Lay out the large piece of blue fabric. Cut the blue ribbon or crepe paper into a few 10-15 foot (3-5 meter) strips. Have one leader put on the crown to be the Pharaoh's daughter and another leader put on the head scarf to be Miriam. If there is only one leader, tie one end of each ribbon/crepe paper strip to a chair and place one of the character's hats on the chair.

Instructions:

Spread out the blue fabric on the floor. Stand at one end of the blue fabric "river" with your other leader at the other end. Each of you should hold one end of the crepe paper pieces. Let's think about the Baby Moses story. Who put Baby Moses in the basket? (Miriam) I'm wearing a headscarf because I'm Miriam. Point to self. Who saved Baby Moses from the Nile River? (Pharaoh's daughter) That is the Pharaoh's daughter. Point to the other leader. She's wearing a crown because she's a princess. The blue space between these two ribbons is the Nile River. Wiggle the ribbons up and down. You'll start at my end and swim down the Nile River to get to Pharaoh's daughter. When I say "Go!" say, "Goodbye, Miriam!" to me. Then swim down to Pharaoh's daughter and say, "Hello, Pharaoh's daughter!" As the kids take turns swimming down the Nile, wave the ribbons up and down to make a river effect.

Play the game again, only this time, have the kids yell, "Surprise!" when they reach Pharaoh's daughter. Remind the kids that **God's plan can surprise us.**

If you have less time...

Have the kids swim down the river in pairs or groups of 3.

If you have more time...

Let the kids take turns being Miriam or Pharaoh's daughter. The kids can wear the head scarf or crown and hold on to the ends of the ribbon/crepe paper. Everyone else — including the leaders

can take turns swimming down the Nile saying, "Good-bye!" and "Hello!"	