

**April 2022**  
**Theme: When God Intervenes (2022)**  
**“Scorned to Celebrated”**

**Summary:** Have you ever disobeyed the direct commands of a superior? Did you fully understand the implications of such behavior? Writer Sarah Sargent looks at how God intervened in the lives of three women to whom God was faithful.

**Scripture:** Exodus 1 and 2:1-9

**Songs:** “Through It All” *Rejoice*, page 452; “Trust and Obey” *Rejoice*, page 451; “I Just Keep Trusting My Lord” *Rejoice*, page 453; and “They That Wait Upon The Lord” *Rejoice*, page 454.

**Suggestions and Helps**

**Promotional Helps**

**Resources:** Poster and invitation are available at <http://www.wnac.org/treasure/programhelps>  
Create or modify a store-bought baby announcement.

Name: Baby Boy

Date: Your meeting date Time: Your meeting time

Weight/Parents: Come to (location) for the details

**Presentation Ideas**

*Ice Breaker:* Do you know why your parents chose your name? What does it mean? Names are important in Scripture. There are many we do not know. Others we know by a title like Herod or Pharaoh. Exodus 1:20 says, “God dwelt well with the midwives,” and Moses was inspired to record their names, Shiphrah and Puah.

**Presentation:** Pray for God to give you the wisdom to meet the needs of your women best. Consider role-playing this lesson. Have three ladies tell the stories of Shiphrah, Puah, and Jochebed. Each lady disobeyed Herod’s orders because they trusted in God. There are few details in the Scripture, but each lady demonstrated great faith in the face of death. Herod did not tolerate opposition. God did not leave these women alone. He intervened. The nation of Israel, His chosen people, multiplied and thrived. Each was blessed because she trusted in God. Sarah Sargent gives another example of Lynn Cowell’s thoughts on how this story might have played on in real life.

Ask a few attendees to share an example of God’s intervention in their lives. Our circumstances are different, but we serve the same God.

**Service/Outreach**

What ministry in your local area could use your intervention? How could God use your local group of women to bless this ministry? Discuss the need for each of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we go about our daily lives.

How would Shiphrah, Puah, or Jochebed know how God would bless their obedience to bless the entire nation of Israel? Likewise, we don't know how He will bless our obedience.

Examples:

Volunteer at your local crisis pregnancy center. Call ahead and see what supplies they might need and how your women can be "hands-on" assistance.

Have your women fill a plastic baby bottle with change and donate it to one of our children's homes or FWB Family Ministries.

**Prayer**

Ask God to remove the veils from our eyes, so we see the opportunities He has placed around us. Ask that we become salt and light, pointing others to Him. May our lives represent Him well in our spheres of influence.

**Refreshments**

Consider serving a fruit tea or fruit drink without carbonation, as are often served in the climates around the equator. Add a simple tea cake or sugar cookie.