

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:3

And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

When Lent began, I thought of all the blessings God gave me. This Bible verse about the baby Moses and his mother hiding him for his safety and later cared for by Pharaoh's daughter reminds me of the blessings of my two adopted daughters. Our daughters both had mothers that could not care for them but loved them enough to give them up to those who could give safety and care.

Our first daughter, Kate, was given to us through a private adoption arranged by a church. We had the opportunity to meet the biological mother and learn of her difficult life. She could not give proper care to any other children. She asked us to tell Kate she gave her up for adoption because she loved her.

Abby, our 2nd daughter, was born in China. Her mother could not have a child and work and make a living, so she left Abby in a public place. She lived at an orphanage where God led us to her, and we brought her home. Scott and I are both so thankful for the selfless acts of the mothers. Selfless acts can lead to great blessings.

Prayer: Dear God, I pray we all open our minds and hearts for adopted children and mothers who selflessly give them up in hopes of a better life for them and as blessings to others. Amen.

~ Submitted by Nancee Salyer for the 12th Reading of Lent