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**“The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,” the midwives replied. “They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time.”**

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**So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful.**

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**And because the midwives  
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Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live.”

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**Holy Spirit empowered  
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# Principle #6

**Holy Spirit empowered compassion is not predicated on what people do or don't do, nor is it predicated on what they deserve or don't deserve; it is all about the unlimited love of our Heavenly Father.**

# Principle #7

**Holy Spirit empowered  
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