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$$m = \frac{2 - (-2)}{-3 - 2}$$
$$= \frac{4}{-5}$$
$$= -\frac{4}{5}.$$

$$2 = \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)(-3) + b$$

$$2 = \frac{12}{5} + b$$

$$2 - \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{5} - \frac{12}{5} + b$$

$$-\frac{2}{5} = b$$

The equation of the line is $y = -\frac{4}{5}x - \frac{2}{5}$.

2. Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (-6, 2) and (-5, 5).

Using the points (-6, 2) and (-5, 5), the slope of the line is

$$m = \frac{2-5}{-6-(-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-3}{-1}$$

$$= 3.$$

$$5 = 3(-5) + b$$

$$5 = -15 + b$$

$$20 = b$$

The equation of the line is y = 3x + 20.

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