

## K-1st Lesson

### Review

Refer to Lesson 51 Flip Chart. In our last lesson, we saw that Pharaoh was afraid of the Israelites, so he forced them to be his slaves. Then he ordered that all the baby boys be thrown into the Nile River.

- What we learned how God protected baby Moses. When Moses' mother put him in a basket in the river, who did God lead the basket to? Who found the baby? *He led the basket to Pharaoh's daughter, the princess.*

That's right! The princess of Egypt found the basket and decided to adopt Moses. So he grew up as a prince in the palace.

When Moses was 40 years old, he killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite slave. When Pharaoh found out, Moses had to run away. God protected Moses this time, too, and led him to a kind family where he met and married a woman named Zipporah.

We're going to start off today with a quick game. Everyone stand up. We're going to play this really fast. I'll tell you to do something, and you have to obey and do it. Ready? *Give the students several commands, such as pat your head, rub your tummy, hop on one foot, turn around, etc. Do the motions with the students.*

- Good job obeying. Those were pretty easy things to do, weren't they? But what if I told you to do something that was really hard, and you didn't think you could do it? Like if I said, "Touch the ceiling." Could you do it? *Allow discussion.*

You would need help, wouldn't you? You could do it if an adult lifted you up or if you had a ladder. Today we're going to talk about something very difficult that God told Moses to do. Moses knew he couldn't do it on his own. God would have to help him. Let's find out if Moses obeyed.

### God Calls Moses

Remember, Moses was taking care of his father-in-law's flock of sheep, leading them out in the desert. One day as he looked around, he spotted something amazing! He saw a bush burning with fire—only it wasn't burning up!

- What usually happens when wood is on fire? *Allow answers.*

It turns black and ends up in a pile of ashes, right? Well, that was not happening to this bush. So Moses decided he was going to investigate this strange bush.

- Who do you think was making the bush do this? *God.*

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. When God saw that Moses came closer to see the bush, he spoke to Moses, calling his name, "Moses, Moses!" Moses heard God and said, "Here I am."

Then God told him to remove his sandals because the ground was holy since God was there. Back in Moses' time, taking off your shoes was a sign of respect. So Moses took off his sandals.

God explained to Moses why he came to talk to him. God had heard the cry of the Israelites in Egypt. He knew they were being treated harshly as slaves. And now it was time to set them free. So God was going to send Moses to tell Pharaoh, the king, to let the Israelites go.

- How many of you think this would be an easy job to do? *Show of hands.*
- How many of you think Pharaoh would just say, "Sure, I'll let all my slaves go"? *Show of hands.*

Moses knew Pharaoh wouldn't just let the Israelites go. This was going to be a scary job. Moses would have to stand up to Pharaoh.

Moses wasn't too sure about this plan. He didn't feel like he was the right man for the job. He was afraid, and he told God about his worries. First, Moses knew he would have to prove to the Israelites that it was really God who sent him. So he asked what he should say when the Israelites wanted to know God's name.

### Exodus 3:14

- What is God's name? Let's read God's answer in Exodus 3:14. Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Read Exodus 3:14.*

- Did you hear it? What name did God tell him to use? *I AM WHO I AM.*

God told Moses to say that God's name is I AM WHO I AM. That seems like an interesting name, doesn't it? But this name means that God is who he is, and he never changes. It means God is eternal; nothing was here before God, yet he has always been here. This can be hard for us to understand, but God said it in his Word, so we know it's true!

### Moses Objects to the Call

Even after God told Moses his name, Moses was still worried that the Israelites wouldn't believe that God had really appeared to him.

### Exodus 4:1-9

Follow the Signs for Moses Skit, which covers Exodus 4:1-9, then continue the lesson below.

- Refer to the Flip Chart. Okay! Let's see how well you were paying attention. What was the first sign God gave Moses to show the Israelites? *Moses' staff became a serpent (snake) and then turned back into his staff.*

That sign should get the Israelites' attention! The snake sure scared Moses!

- What was the second sign God gave to Moses? *His hand became covered with leprosy and then was healed.*

No one knew how to cure leprosy or what caused it. But God made leprosy appear on Moses' hand and then healed it!

- And what was the third sign? *Water from the river would become blood when it was poured onto the land.*

Moses should have had lots of courage now; he could do signs from the all-powerful God. But, Moses still had another problem—he didn't think he was a very good speaker. God assured Moses that he would be with him and help him know what to say.

But Moses was still scared. He said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." Do you think that's what God wanted to hear? Moses wanted God to send someone else. He didn't want to do this job.

- Was Moses trusting God and being obedient? *No!*

Uh oh! Now God was angry with Moses. He wasn't obeying very fast, was he? But God was patient, too. He told Moses he would send Aaron, Moses' brother, to help him do the talking. God also said he would give them the right words to say and teach them what to do. Moses didn't have to do this big job on his own—God would help him.

### Moses Obeys the Call

- So, raise your hand if you think Moses obeyed. *Show of hands.*

- How many of you think Moses still did not obey? *Show of hands.*

At first Moses let his fears get in the way of being obedient, but he finally obeyed God. He packed up his wife and two sons and started back to Egypt. Then just as God promised, Aaron came to meet Moses on the way, and they went to the Israelite leaders to show them the signs from God and tell them that God promised to rescue them from slavery. The Israelites believed and worshipped God. They were glad to hear that God cared about them and would soon rescue them.

In the next lesson, we'll find out what Pharaoh does when Moses tells him that God wants the Israelites to leave Egypt.



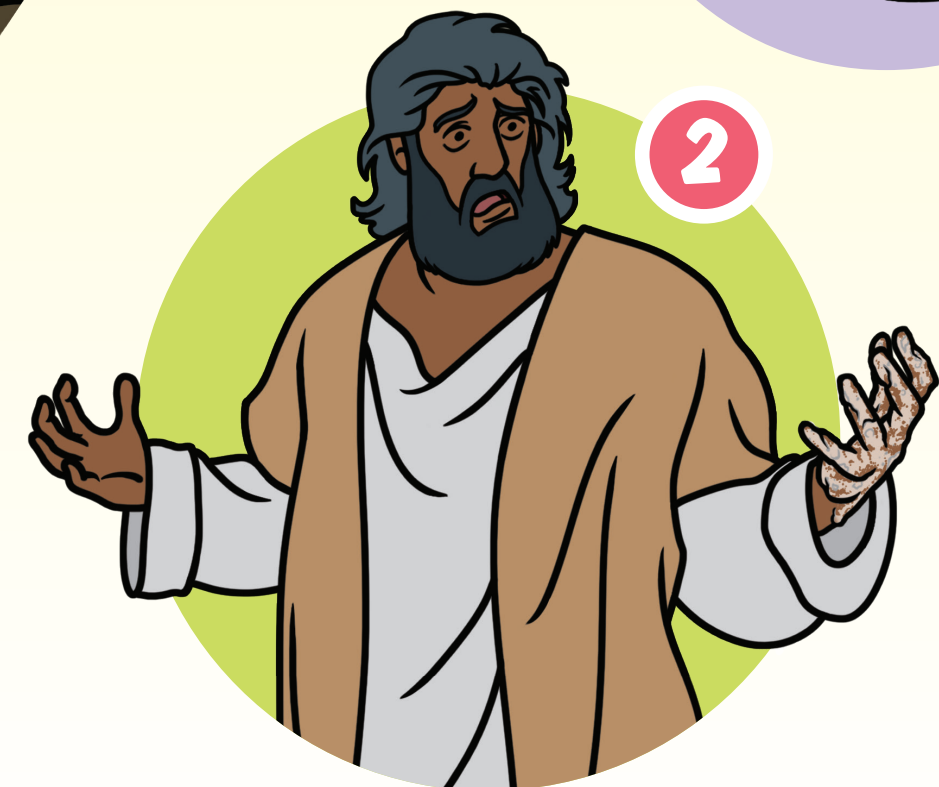


## God gave Moses **3** signs

Staff  
turned to  
snake



Leprosy  
and  
healing



Water  
turned to  
blood

