

Signs for Moses Skit

Have an assistant act out the signs as Moses, or pause to demonstrate each one yourself as you read. You may improvise your own demonstration or follow the script and instructions below. Have “Moses” wear a robe. Use a broom handle/walking stick for Moses’ staff, a rubber/stuffed snake for the serpent, talcum powder for leprosy, and two pitchers, one with water and one with red powdered drink mix in the bottom to turn into “blood” when the water is poured into it.

Exodus 4:1–9

So, God gave Moses three signs to show to the Israelites so they would believe him. Listen while I read those signs from Exodus 4 and watch carefully so you can remember them. Read verses 1–3. Have Moses throw the walking stick onto the ground and quickly replace it with the snake (kick the stick to the side). Then yell and run away from the snake in terror.

Yikes! I’d run from a snake, too! What did God do next? Read verses 4–5. Have Moses tentatively approach the snake and grab it by the tail. Pick up the stick so it looks like the snake turned back into the staff (either throw the snake away or hide it in the robe). Smile with relief at the walking stick.

Whew! That was close!

What would the next sign be? Read verses 6–7. Have Moses turn away from the students, pat some powder on one hand, and hide it in the robe. Then turn to the kids and pull the hand out, covered with “leprosy.” Look horrified and yell, “Leprosy! I’m unclean!” Then tuck hand back into the robe, rub off the powder, and show it. Examine the hand and say, “It’s gone!” with amazement.

Back in Moses’ day, leprosy was a disease people could get on their skin. Having leprosy was scary because it was a terrible disease and they had no cure for it. But God healed Moses’ hand.

Let’s read about the third sign God gave to Moses. Read verses 8–9. At verse 9, have Moses pour water from one pitcher into the other pitcher with the red powdered drink mix then back again to show the red water. Exclaim, “It’s blood!”

Collect props and thank assistant.