

Bible Discovery

Supplies

- Bible
- “Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush” Bible Story poster

 Hold up a Bible. **Today we'll hear a story from the Bible about a man named Moses. God had big plans for him! But Moses didn't think he was good enough to do the job. Moses was worried.**

- Get cozy and circle up in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.
- **Tell about a time you were worried.** Share a story from your own life first, then invite Crews to talk.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

Moses was worried, but **God takes care of us. (Amen!) God knew Moses was worried and upset, so God promised to stick by him.**

- Have everyone cheer.
- **God took care of Moses and helped him. Let's find out what happened. We'll tell the story together.**

Moses was a shepherd. It was his job to take care of his father-in-law's sheep. One day when he was outside with the sheep, he saw something very strange. Let's read about it in the Bible.

 Read aloud Exodus 3:2-3.

God had a special job for Moses: He was going to help God's special people. Let's find out more. Do what I do.

- Have children repeat after you and follow your actions.

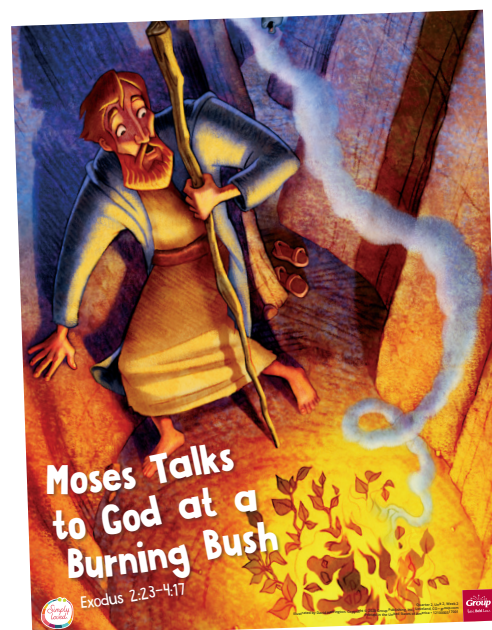
**God said, “Hi there, Moses! (wave)
You're gonna lead my people! (motion over imaginary crowd)
What's your reply?” (cup hand to ear)**

**Moses said, “Hey there, God! (wave with other hand)
Thanks a bunch, but (two thumbs-up)
You've got the *wroooong* guy!” (two thumbs-down)**

- Put your hands in your lap.

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verses from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.



Moses didn't think he was good enough to do the important job God had for him. He was afraid and worried. But **God takes care of us.** (Amen!) God stuck by Moses and helped him. Let's find out what happened next. Do what I do.

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But then God said, *(hold up finger)*

"I know you're worried, *(make worried face)*

And I know you're scared." *(hands on sides of face)*

"But I'm beside you, *(lean toward the person next to you)*

I won't leave you in need. *(wave finger back and forth)*

Trust in me; I always care." *(hands over heart)*

- Put your hands in your lap.

Moses was worried no one would listen to him. He didn't think he was anyone important. God said he'd give Moses special skills so people would listen. Let's find out what Moses could do. Do what I do.

- **Moses had a staff; that's a stick shepherds use to guide their sheep.**
- Stand and pretend to hold a shepherd's staff beside you and bang it on the ground.
- **God said, "Moses, throw down that staff!"** Pretend to throw down the staff.
- Have everyone cover their eyes with their hands.
- **The staff became...** Pause. **Open your eyes...a wiggly snake!**
- Jump back in surprise at the imaginary snake.
- **God said, "Pick up that wiggly snake by its tail!"**
- Pretend to catch a wiggly snake by its tail and hold it up away from you.
- **God said, "It's a staff again! I'll never fail!"**
- Stand and pretend to hold a shepherd's staff and bang it on the ground.
- **To prove he was true, God said, "Moses, be brave! I will always take care of you!"**
- Hug yourself, and have everyone sit down again.

Wow! God would help Moses. God would show his power! But Moses was still a little worried about not knowing what to say. Let's read what God said to Moses.



Read aloud Exodus 4:12.

God would help Moses know what to say. Finally Moses understood that God would stick with him and help him, even when the job was really big and important. Moses knew that with God's help he really could lead God's people, and all because God showed him that **God takes care of us.** (Amen!)

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.