

***** Day 4 *****

1. Read Exodus 2:10-17.

Then Moses said to the LORD, "But, Lord, I am telling you, I am not a good speaker. I have never been able to speak well. And that hasn't changed since you started talking to me. I am still not a good speaker. You know that I speak slowly and don't use the best words." Then the LORD said to him, "Who made a person's mouth? And who can make someone deaf or not able to speak? Who can make a person blind? Who can make a person able to see? I am the one. I am the LORD. So go. I will be with you when you speak. I will give you the words to say." But Moses said, "My Lord, I beg you to send someone else, not me." Then the LORD became angry with Moses and said, "All right! I'll give you someone to help you. Aaron the Levite is your brother, isn't he? He is a good speaker. In fact, Aaron is already coming to meet you, and he will be happy to see you. I will tell you what to say. Then you will tell Aaron, and I will help him say it well. I will tell both of you what to do. So Aaron will speak for you. Like God, you will speak to him, and he will tell the people what you say. So go and carry your walking stick with you. Use it and the other miracles to show the people that I am with you."

2. Moses is still giving excuses to God. What excuses does He give to God?
3. How did the Lord feel about Moses' choice to make excuses?
4. Ask Your Parents: What excuses do you give to God for not doing what He tells you?
5. Pray: God, thank you for loving us. Help our love for you grow more and more. Help us to see when we are making excuses for not doing what you really want us to be doing.



Exodus 3:1-4:17

***** Day 1 *****

1. Read Exodus 3:1-6.

Moses' father-in-law was named Jethro. Jethro was a priest of Midian. Moses took care of Jethro's sheep. One day Moses led the sheep to the west side of the desert. He went to a mountain called Horeb, the mountain of God. On that mountain, Moses saw the angel of the LORD in a burning bush. Moses saw a bush that was burning without being destroyed.³ So he decided to go closer to the bush and see how a bush could continue burning without being burned up. The LORD saw Moses was coming to look at the bush. So he called to him from the bush. He said, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "Yes, Lord." Then God said, "Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors. I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

2. What is special about the bush burning that caught Moses' attention?
3. Ask Your Parents: Has God ever tried to get your attention with something unique like Moses' experience with the burning bush?
4. What did God tell Moses to do? Why?
5. Pray: God, help us to see and hear when you are trying to get our attention. Change our minds to realize that you are with us and you are trying to speak to us to show us what we should be doing to serve you and bring your glory in our communities.

***** Day 2 *****

1. Read Exodus 3:7-21.

Then the Lord said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt, and I have heard their cries when the Egyptians hurt them. I know about their pain. Now I will go down and save my people from the Egyptians. I will take them from that land and lead them to a good land where they can be free from these troubles...So now I am sending you to Pharaoh. Go! Lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "I am not a great man! How can I be the one to go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "You can do it because I will be with you...Then Moses said to God, "But if I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me,' then the people will ask, 'What is his name?' What should I tell them?" Then God said to Moses, "Tell them, 'I Am Who I Am.' When you go to the Israelites, tell them, 'I Am' sent me to you." And God said, "Tell the Israelites that you were sent by Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob. This will always be my name. It is how I want the people to remember me from now on. Now go and call together the elders of the people. Tell them that Yahweh appeared to you. Give them this message from me: 'I have been watching over you and have seen what people in Egypt have done to you. And I have decided that I will take you away from the troubles you are suffering in Egypt. I will lead you to the land that now belongs to others. I will lead you to a land filled with many good things.' The elders will listen to you. And then you and the elders will go to the Pharaoh. You will tell him, 'Yahweh is the God of the Hebrews. He came to us and told us to travel three days into the desert. There we must offer sacrifices to Yahweh our God.' But I know that the Pharaoh will not let you go. Only a great power will force him to let you go, so I will use my great power against Egypt. I will cause amazing things to happen in that land. "

2. What does God want to do for His people?

3. God wants Moses to be the one to lead the people away from the Egyptians, but Moses doesn't think he is the right person to do the job. How does God respond to Moses?

4. Ask Your Parents: Has God ever asked you to do a job that you didn't think you could do? If so, tell me about it.

5. Read Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We see Moses being equipped by God. God said, "I will be with you."

When God asks us to do something, He will give us the strength and the abilities to do the job He has for us.

6. Pray: God, help us to say yes to you when you ask us to do something for you. Help us to know and believe that you will give us the skills and the strength we need to what you want us to do.

***** Day 3 *****

1. Read Exodus 4:1-9.

Then Moses said to God, "But the Israelites will not believe me when I tell them that you sent me. They will say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" But the LORD said to Moses, "What is that you have in your hand?" Moses answered, "It is my walking stick." Then God said, "Throw your walking stick on the ground." So Moses threw his walking stick on the ground, and it became a snake. Moses ran from it, but the LORD said to him, "Reach out and grab the snake by its tail." When Moses reached out and caught the snake's tail, the snake became a walking stick again. Then God said, "Use your stick in this way, and the people will believe that you saw the LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will give you another proof. Put your hand under your robe." So Moses opened his robe and put his hand inside. Then he brought his hand out of the robe and it was changed. His hand was covered with spots that were white like snow. Then God said, "Now put your hand into your robe again." So Moses put his hand into his robe again. Then he brought his hand out, and his hand was changed. Now his hand was good again, as it was before. Then God said, "If the people don't believe you when you use your walking stick, then they will believe you when you show them this sign. If they still refuse to believe after you show them both of these signs, then take some water from the Nile River. Pour the water on the ground, and as soon as it touches the ground, it will become blood."

2. On Day 2, you learned that Moses did not feel prepared to do the job God asked him to do. How does God try to help Moses feel more confident?

3. Ask Your Parents: Tell about a time when God gave you signs to help you believe that He was calling you to a specific task.

4. Pray: God, show us your power. Show us signs that you will work in our weakness. Let us share you with someone this week because we know that you will help us have the words to say.