

## Moses

Exodus 3:2-7, 10

After the people of God resettled in Egypt, they had many children and their family grew very large. The Pharaoh who was king when Joseph lived had died and the new Pharaoh treated God's people very badly. They became slaves to the Egyptians and cried out to God for help.

Moses was an Israelite who was raised by Pharaoh's daughter in Egypt. One day, while he was taking care of sheep, an angel appeared to Moses in a burning bush. The bush was on fire but it did not burn up. God used the bush to get Moses' attention, and then He spoke to Moses. God told Moses that He remembered the special covenant promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to look after the people of Israel. God then told Moses that it was his job to tell Pharaoh to let God's people go free. He wanted Moses to lead God's people out of slavery in Egypt and into the Promised Land that God had set aside for them. Moses wasn't sure he could lead the people on his own, but God promised Moses that He would be with him the entire way. God had a plan to rescue His people and he wanted Moses to help Him. Many years later, God would send the perfect Rescuer, Jesus, to set His people free from being slaves to sin just as the Israelites needed to be saved from their slavery to the Egyptians.

Awesome God, You always have a plan! Thank You that You hear us when we pray and cry out to You, and that You are always with us. Help us to always pay attention when You speak to us.

### Branching Out

1. Look back in your Bible, or in this book, and recall the covenant promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
2. God used a burning bush to get Moses' attention. In what ways does God get our attention now?
3. People are still in slavery today all over the world. Take time as a family to pray for their safety and that God would hear their cries and set them free.