

MOSES AND ALL THE EXCUSES

A Story About Worry and Fear

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Doing What's Right/God Calls His People (Genesis to Ruth)

1. In [Exodus 4: 11-13](#), after many excuses, Moses asks God to send someone else to do the work God called him to do. Look back at Exodus 3 and 4. List the different excuses that Moses made.
2. God called Moses to lead the people and to confront the Pharaoh of Egypt, but Moses was worried and afraid to do what God had called him to do. As you listen to this episode, think about why Moses was scared and a time when you were worried or afraid to do what was right. What did God call you to do?

Memory Verse

The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Exodus 4: 11-13

After You Listen

When God speaks to Moses at the burning bush, it's an amazing experience for Moses. But as God tells Moses what he wants Moses to do, Moses becomes worried and afraid. He makes several excuses:

1. There are lots of other people who can do it. Who am I?
2. God, are you really going to be with me?
3. What will other people think of me? They might laugh at me or hurt my feelings.
4. God hasn't given me the gift to do something like that.

But even though God assured Moses that he would be with Moses as Moses did the work, Moses pleaded with God to send someone else. God had had enough of the excuses, so he promised to also send Moses' brother Aaron along to help him. God would be with the two of them.

Read all about Moses and all the excuses in [Exodus 3:1- 4:16](#). Want to dig deeper and learn more about the story of Moses? Check out the Kids Corner Bible Story, [The Story of Moses](#), to see what happens to Moses and Aaron as they confront the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Challenge

Look at these excuses and think about answers to the excuses that would challenge them and make things right.

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Think about a time when you needed to do what was right. Perhaps you were worried or afraid. What excuses may have crossed your mind? What prevented you from doing what was right?

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What did God want Moses to do?

Answer: God was sending Moses to Pharaoh to bring God's people, the People of Israel, out of Egypt.

Question 2: When Moses said "But why me?" what did God say to encourage Moses?

Answer: God said, "I will be with you. You'll see. Together, we'll do great things."

Question 3: Fill in the blanks: I am Yahweh, the God of _____, _____ and _____.

Answer: I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Question 4: What was the first sign God gave to Moses?

Answer: God showed Moses the sign of changing a pole into a snake

Question 5: What was the second sign God gave to Moses?

Answer: God showed Moses the sign of changing a clean hand into a hand with disease on it and back again.
