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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to Your Word today.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

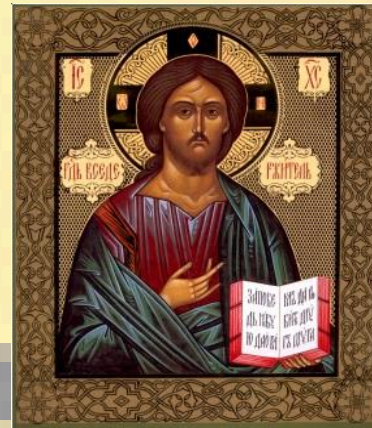
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



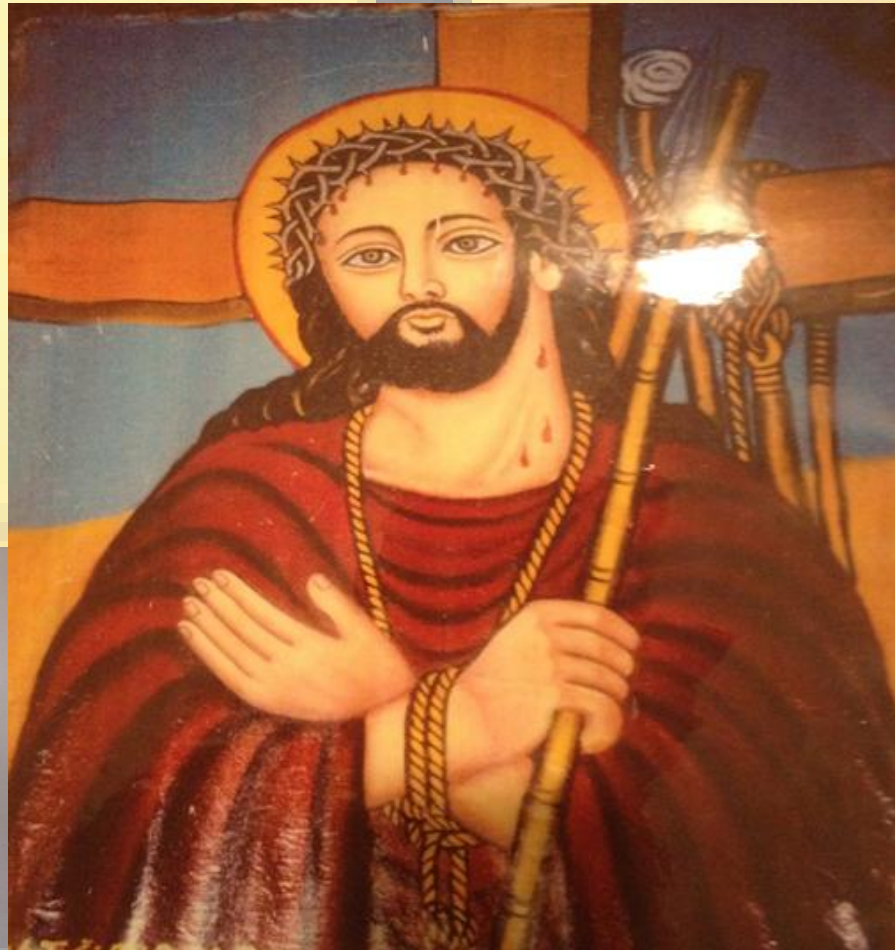
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



## Review

**Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites?**

**Why did Pharaoh order the nurses to kill the Israelite baby boys?**

**Where did the mother place Moses her son?  
Who was guarding the child?**

**Who found the Israelite baby in a basket floating in the water?**

## Review

**What was Pharaoh's daughter doing at the edge of the river?**

**How did Pharaoh's daughter feel about Moses?**

**Where was Moses brought up?  
Who nursed him?**

**How did Moses know the Lord or who taught him about God?**

**What does the word, "Moses" mean?**



# MEMORY VERSE




**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**

# Recite Last week's memory verse

"His name is Moses because I drew him  
out of water" (Exodus 2:10)



# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# The Burning Bush



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# Memory Verse

- “Here am I, send me” (Isaiah 6:8).



# Objective

- To show the students that God calls us for His special purpose.
- We can see this by the story of how God called Moses by talking to him through the burning bush.
- To believe that God loves me and guides me, and to be ready to do what He says.

# Introduction

- God took care of Moses in a special way because God had an important work for him to do.
- Moses was chosen by God and he had a plan for him, even though he grew up in the palace of the pharaoh.

**So Moses left Egypt and traveled all the way to Midian.**





**Moses sat down to rest by a water well.**



**The seven daughters of the priest of Midian filled their troughs (jugs) to water their father's sheep.**



**Other shepherds tried to push them aside.**



**But Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.**



The daughters went home. Their father said, how come you are home early today? When the girls explained why, he said “Bring the man here so he may eat bread. Moses lived with Reuel, who was also called Jethro.



**While he was in Midian, Moses married Reuel's oldest daughter and became a shepherd.**



**Back in Egypt, Pharaoh died.**



**God's people, the Hebrews were still slaves. How they groaned and cried in their suffering!**





**How they prayed for God's help! God heard their prayers.**



**Moses did not know it, but God planned to use him to help the enslaved Hebrews. He must have missed his own people in Egypt.**



**One day, Moses led the sheep to the far side of the desert to a mountain there. While the animals were quietly grazing, Moses suddenly saw flames of fire in a bush.**



**But the fire did not burn the bush**



**Moses decided to find out why.**



**He went over to the bush to take a closer look.**



**As Moses got nearer, a voice called to him from inside the bush. "Moses! Moses!" God said. "Here I am," Moses answered. "Take off your sandals," God said, "for the place where you are standing is holy ground.**



**I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."**

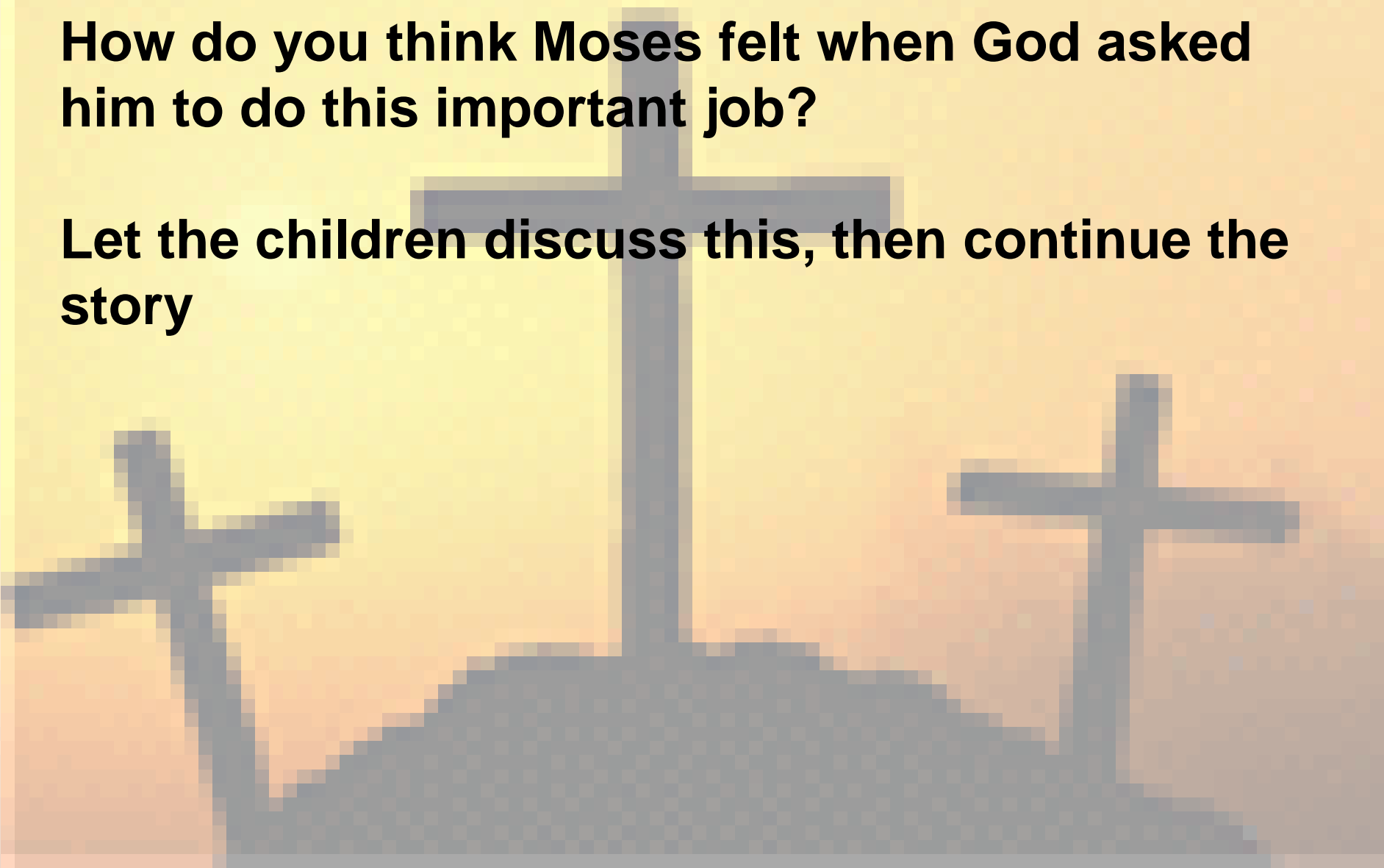
**Moses took off his shoes, just as God said. He knew that it was very, very special that God had chosen to speak to him. "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. . . . I am concerned about their suffering," God said. "So I have come down to save them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land. . . . I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."**



**Ask**

**How do you think Moses felt when God asked him to do this important job?**

**Let the children discuss this, then continue the story**



**Moses did not want to go, and he told God so. He was afraid. Then God showed Moses His great power. He turned Moses' rod into a serpent.**



**When Moses picked up the serpent by the tail it became a rod once more. God gave him another sign.**

**Put your hand on your chest, He told Moses. Moses did so. His hand turned white with leprosy which is a terrible disease.**

**When he did it again, his hand was healed.**



**God gave Moses a third sign to help the people believe that he was their faithful, powerful Lord. He told Moses that while in Egypt, he must take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. God said the water would turn to blood.**

## The Bush (Exodus 3:2)

The burning bush refers to **St. Mary** who bore the fire of Godhead (Jesus Christ), was not consumed and her virginity was preserved. The bush was on fire but not consumed, for the Son of God became man to save man and not to consume him. He became man in the womb of the Mother of God, for the bush itself typifies her. On this, the Church says in the praise of Saint Mary, “You are the bush that Moses saw burning, yet not consumed; the Godhead did not consume your body.”



**Moses was still not ready to go. Perhaps he thought he wasn't strong, powerful or smart enough. Maybe he was scared of Pharaoh. So he kept thinking of reasons not to go.**

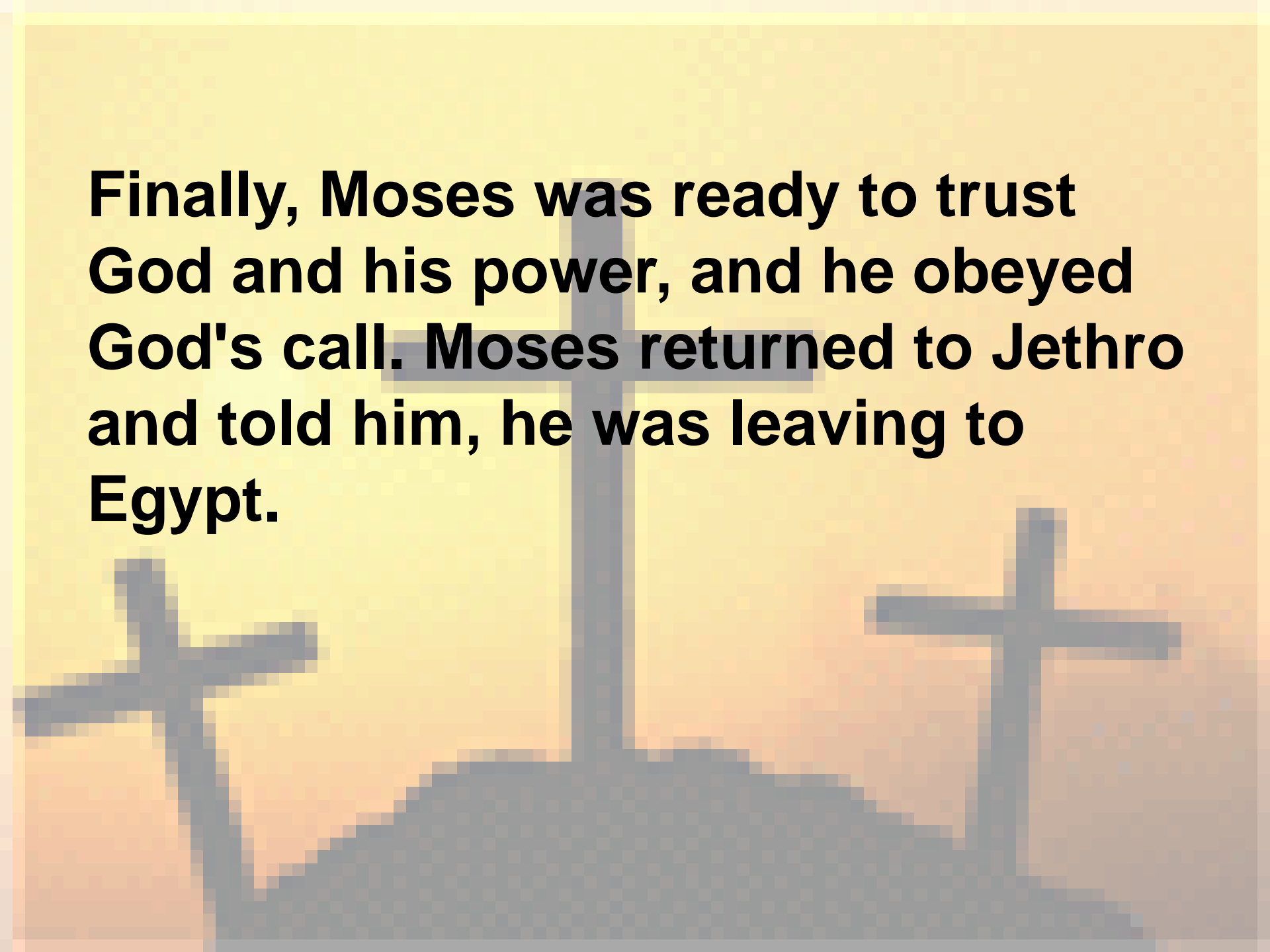


**Moses said, “I don’t speak well”. God became angry. I will use Aaron, your brother, to speak the words you tell him,” He said.**





**Finally, Moses was ready to trust God and his power, and he obeyed God's call. Moses returned to Jethro and told him, he was leaving to Egypt.**

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**With the staff of God in his hand, he packed his belongings and left for Egypt.**



**God led Moses' brother Aaron to meet Moses in the mountains. Moses told Aaron all about God's plan to set the Hebrew people free from the Egyptians.**



**Together, they carried the news to the Hebrew leaders. When Moses showed the signs to the Hebrew elders, they knew God would help them.**



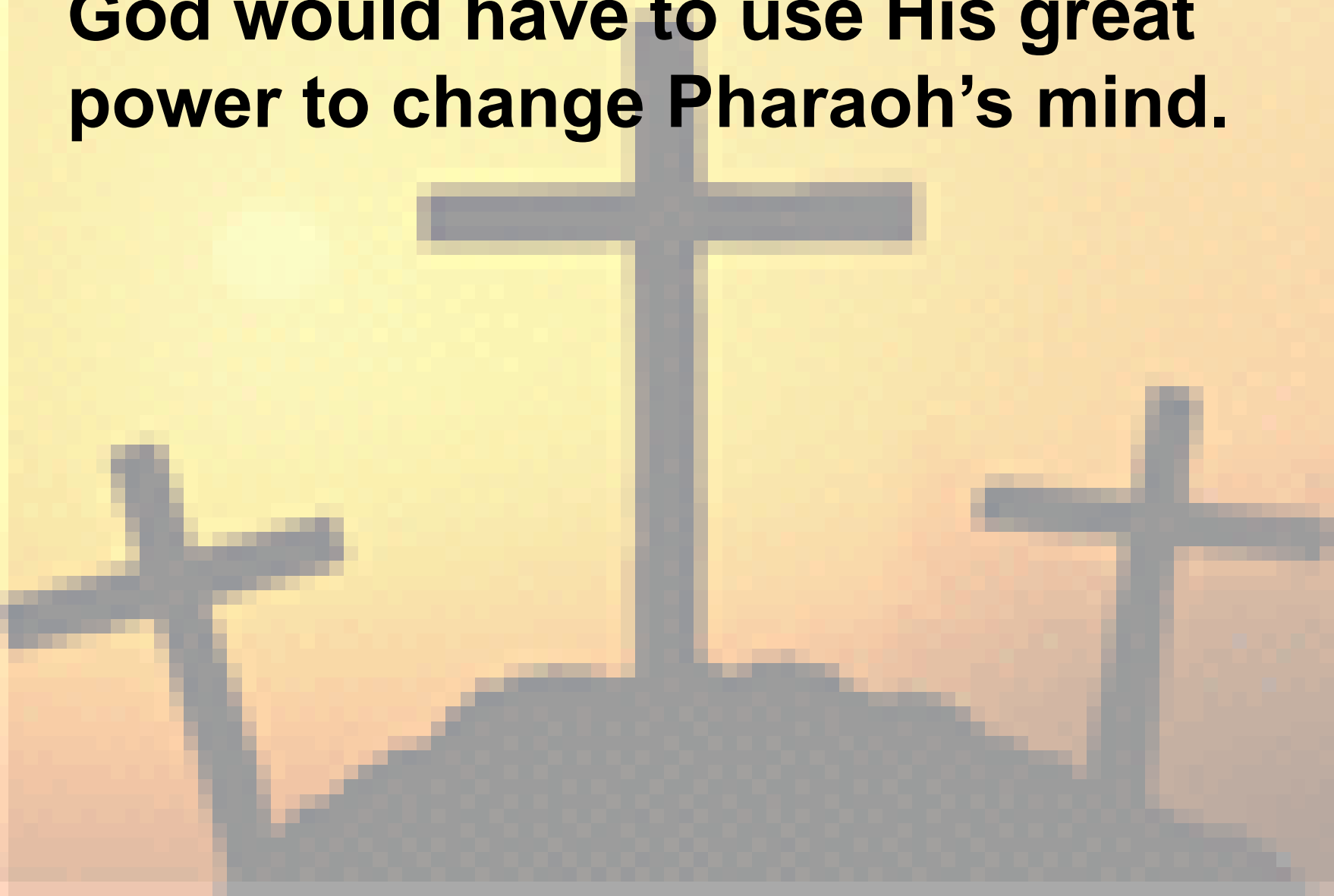
**Bravely, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. “God says, ‘Let my people go’,” they told him.**



**I will not let Israel go, “ Pharaoh answered. He would not obey God.**



**God would have to use His great power to change Pharaoh's mind.**



# **Conclusion**

**Remember, God does not call us to do His work without the promise of His power.**

**We can always count on His divine strength, no matter what we are called to do or where we are called to go.**

**God wants us to trust him at home, in the Sunday school classroom, in the school classroom, and everywhere else.**

**He wants us to believe in His care and guidance when we are doing big or small things.**

**He wants the faithful obedience of all His children.**



## **Conclusion**

**God sent Moses to the people of Israel to tell them of His love and care, and to lead them out of Egypt.**

**Many years later, God sent someone to save His people from their sins. Whom did He send?  
Jesus Christ, His Son**

**What did Jesus do for us?  
He died on the cross for our sins.**

# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



# Questions

**Where was Moses?**

**What was he doing?**

**How did the Lord appear to Moses?**

**What was the Lord's message to him?**

**What are the first, second and third signs?**

**What feelings prompted Moses to examine the burning bush?**

**wonder, curiosity**

**What did Moses do that angered God?**

**asked not to be sent**

**How do we accomplish tasks that are too hard for us to do?**

**trust in God to provide the means**

## Questions (True or False)

### True or False

1. Moses decided that Mount Sinai was a holy place. F (God decided and announced it to Moses)
2. God told Moses to approach him "just as he was". F (God said Moses must show his respect for God's holiness by taking off his shoes).
3. God knew about Moses' weaknesses and provided help for him. T
4. Moses was afraid to go to Egypt. T
5. God let Moses "off the hook" because of his weakness. F

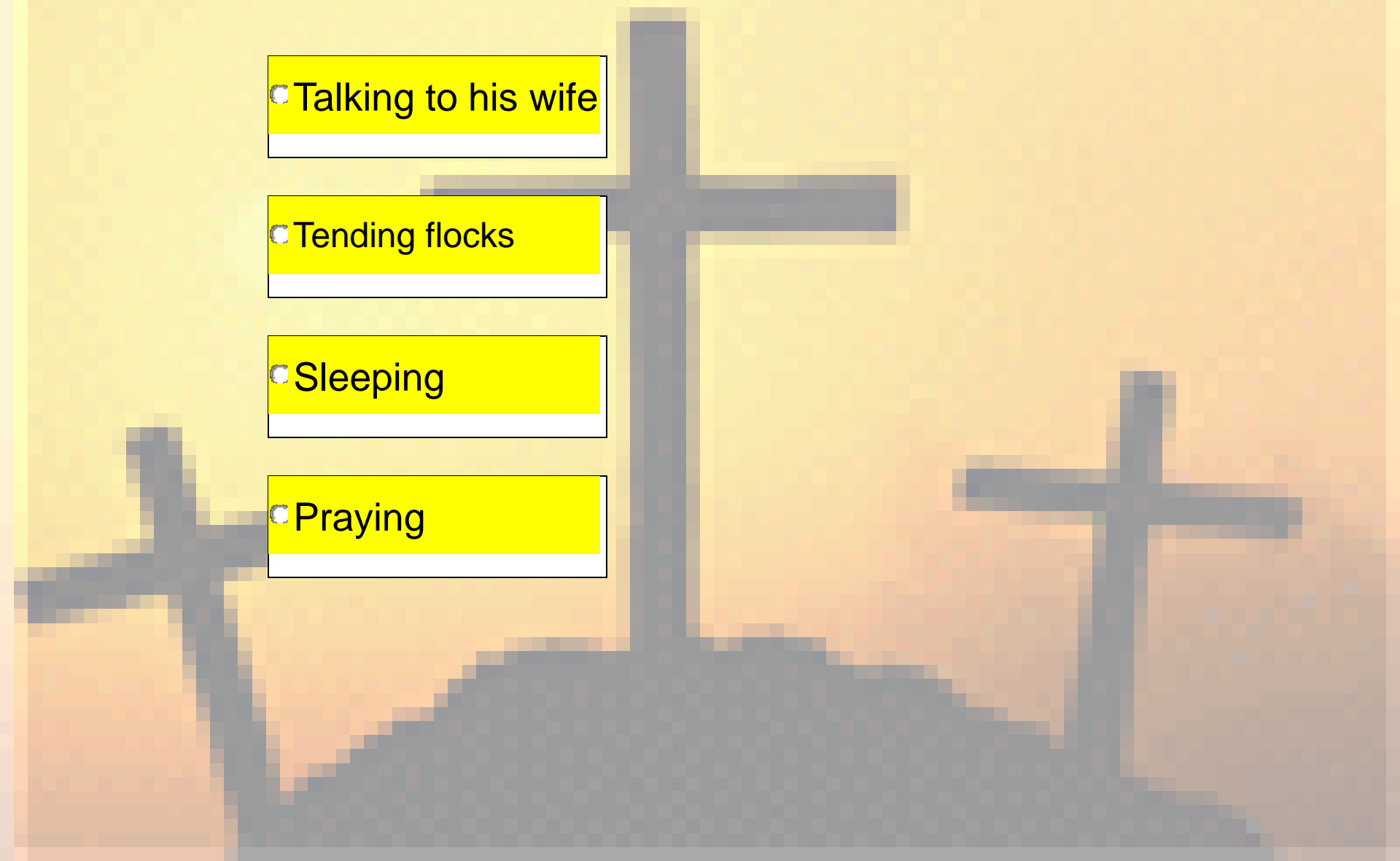
# Q1- What was Moses doing when he saw the bush?

Talking to his wife

Tending flocks

Sleeping

Praying



# Q2- When did Moses leave for Egypt?

Immediately

10 days later

1 year later

3 months later

# Q3- Who came to meet Moses?

Pharaoh

The elders of Israel

Aaron his Brother

The priests

# Q4- Who accomplishes God's work in us?

Moses

Abuse of the Church

Ourselves

God



# Q5- What feelings prompted Moses to give excuses?

Sadness

Fear

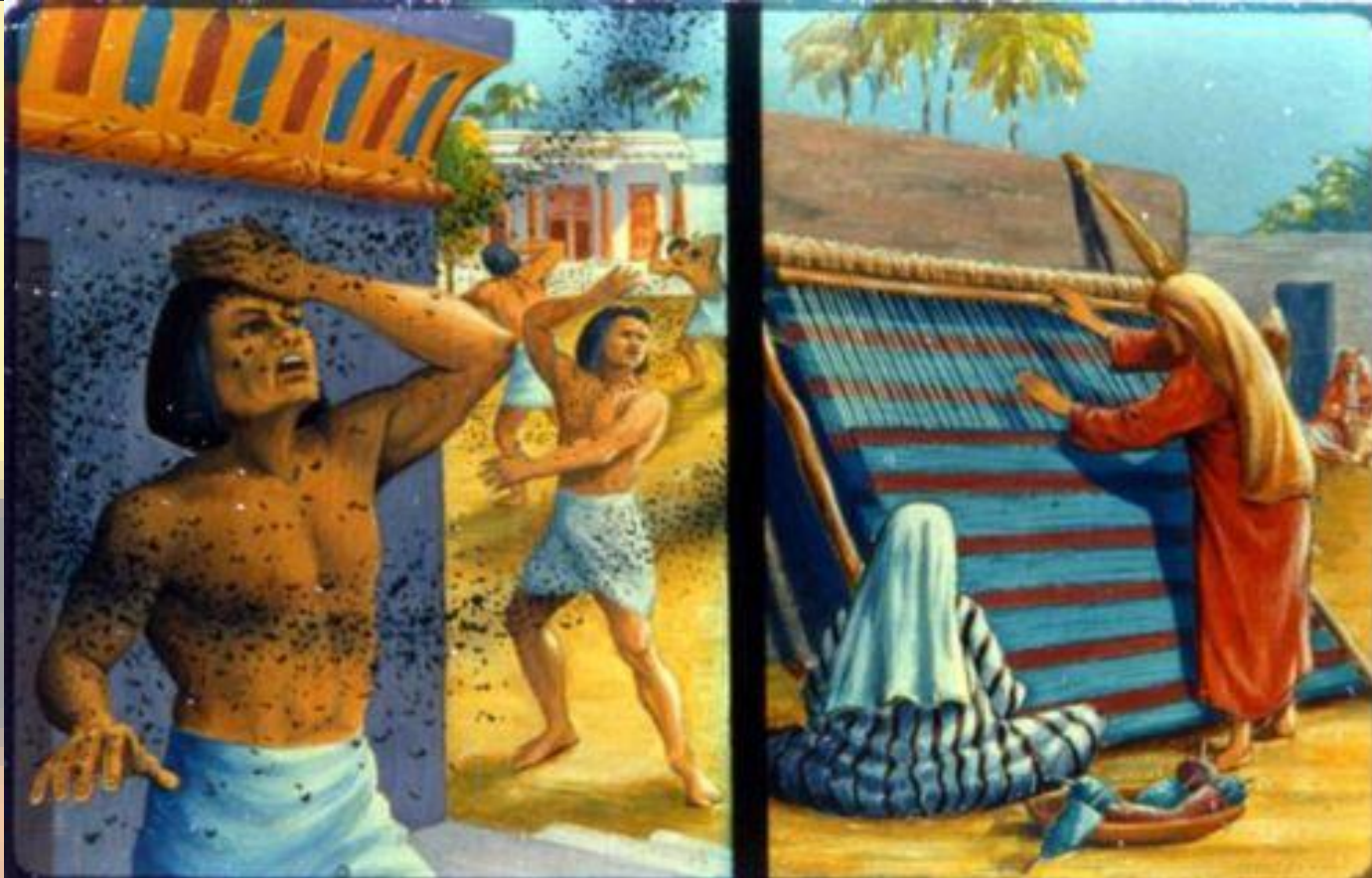
Happiness

None of the above

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about the  
Pharaoh's Opposition  
And The Ten Plagues .



## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Take Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)



Any question?

Close with prayer.

