



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 52

God Calls Moses

Exodus 3:6-11, 4:1-15, 4:30-31

Use the Key Code on the right to fill in the missing words.

1. God appeared to Moses in a _____.



2. Moses removed his _____ because the ground was holy.



3. God called Moses to _____ the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.



4. Moses _____ three times.



5. God said to call him by the name _____.



6. God gave Moses three _____ to show the Israelites



that God had sent him.

7. God was _____ when Moses kept refusing to go.



8. God promised to help him and _____ know what to say.



9. Moses finally _____ and returned to Egypt.



10. The Israelite leaders _____ the message



Moses and Aaron gave from God.



Name _____

Memory Verse

Use a mirror to read the backwards words below. Then fill them in the missing blanks to complete the verse.

Help Uplift Righteous
Fear Disarm'd.

_____ not, for

I am with you; be not

_____ ,
for I am your God; I will

you, I will _____

you, I will _____

you with my

right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God called to Moses from a burning bush and told him to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.
- Moses offered reasons why he thought he was not the right man to lead the Israelites, but God promised to be with him and to help him know what to say and do.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend says that there is no purpose in life, so we might as well have fun and do things that make us happy. **What could you say?**

God has a special purpose for each of us. He created us and knows our strengths and weaknesses. If we'll trust and obey him, God can use us to accomplish great things! Moses is a great example of this. At first he didn't think he could do what God was asking of him. But as he learned to trust God and faithfully obey, God used him to do many miraculous things and bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Most of all, God wants us to have a relationship with him. We can spend time with God by reading his Word and praying. The closer we are to God, the better we can listen and learn what he wants us to do. We will feel empty and hopeless if we live our lives just pleasing ourselves because we were created for much more!



HomeWord *For Parents*

Moses had been living in Midian for 40 years when he saw an amazing sight—a burning bush that did not burn up! God spoke to Moses from the burning bush and commanded Moses to remove his sandals because the ground was holy (Exodus 3:5). God reminded Moses of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Exodus 3:6). Then God promised to deliver the Israelites from Egypt and bring them to the Promised Land (Exodus 3:7–9). Finally, he gave Moses his calling: to go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus 3:10). Moses had doubts, questions, and concerns, which God patiently addressed. God promised to be with him. He gave him the name “I AM WHO I AM” to share with the Israelites along with three signs demonstrating that God had sent him. Moses still felt inadequate and asked God to send someone else. God promised to go with Moses and his brother, Aaron, and help them know what to say. Moses obeyed and returned to Egypt.

The name “I AM WHO I AM” refers to God as the self-existent one. God exists as an independent deity. No reality exists before God; he is the eternal one. He does not change; he is immutable. Malachi 3:6 says, “For I the LORD do not change.” (See also James 1:17 and Hebrews 13:8.) The word LORD in this passage is YHWH, the basis for the pronunciation “Yahweh.” Yahweh comes from the Hebrew root *haya*, which means “to be,” and is part of I AM. The name Yahweh confirms God's existence and his presence. He is the ever-present helper. The false Egyptian gods, which the Israelites knew, were mostly specific, territorial gods. They were NOT omnipresent, eternal, or immutable. When Jesus came, he referred to himself using “I am” statements in the book of John to show he was God. Through Jesus, we who are children of God have the privilege of knowing Yahweh as our Father—the great I AM!