

HEROES OF FAITH

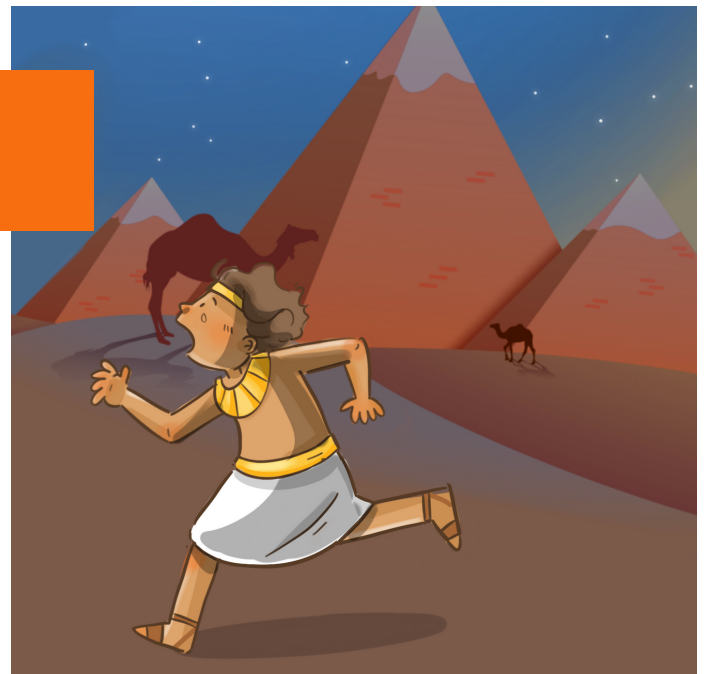
MOSES: GOD'S CHOSEN LEADER

During hard times, people often encourage each other with sayings like, "Believe in yourself!" or, "You got this!" It's good to have self-confidence, but it's better to have God-confidence. The Bible teaches us the importance of being humble and having courage to follow God's call no matter where He leads. This courage is not from ourselves but from our trust in God. Today's hero of faith had to learn that lesson when he first met the Lord. Let's dive in and meet Moses!

Read: Exodus 3:1-15

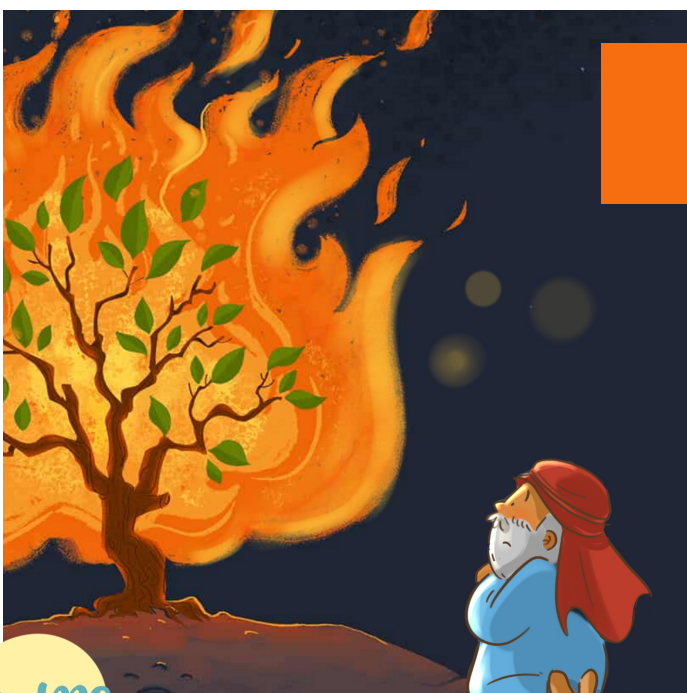
MEET MOSES

Have you ever doubted yourself? Moses did. He didn't think he was the best choice for leading the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt. Moses had made plenty of mistakes before God called him. He tried to help his people by himself, but that just led to him killing an Egyptian and running for his life!



GOD CALLING

Now, he was an old shepherd working in the wilderness, exiled from his home...not exactly the heroic type. One day, he saw a strange bush on fire, and God began to speak to him from it. God announced He was going to bring the Israelites out of slavery and into a good land, and that Moses would lead them. Moses' first answer was, "Who am I that I should go...?" (Exodus 3:11)



TRUSTING GOD

Moses faced many challenges during his ministry, but the first challenge was his own doubt. Eventually, Moses learned to trust God's decisions, and he went on to become one of the greatest heroes of God's people. His ministry of bringing freedom pointed forward to the work of Jesus Christ, who brings freedom to the whole world.



DID YOU KNOW



We have a calling like Moses did. Jesus came to “proclaim liberty to the captives” (Luke 4:18), and He calls us to do the same (Matthew 28:19). It’s a job far beyond our own abilities. However, just as God told Moses “But I will be with you...” (Exodus 3:12), Jesus tells us, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) It’s time to build up our God-confidence and fulfill His calling for our lives.

DISCUSSION TIME

1. Who owned the sheep that Moses watched?
2. What do you think is the best way to deal with doubt?
3. Share one area where you need to build up your confidence in God.

GAME TIME

Three-Legged Race

You never have to run the race alone in the “I am with you” three-legged race! Split into teams of two and attach everyone’s legs. The first team across the finish line wins. Remember that God is always with us as we run the race of faith. (Hebrews 12:1)

BONDSERVANT

Moses was called to be a servant of God, and so are we. The apostles called themselves “bondservants” of Jesus Christ. The word bondservant means a person is “bound” or connected to their master and serves without pay. They are connected to their master for life. Have one volunteer represent Jesus, and another represents a Christian. Blindfold the Christian. Have Jesus and the Christian hold hands and tie their hands and forearms together with cloth or rope. Then, Jesus walks around the house and performs a simple task, like making a sandwich. The Christian must walk with Jesus and join in each task. The Christian will probably have to ask Jesus questions since they’re blindfolded. This represents being bound to Jesus, going where He leads and joining His work. Talking represents praying to Him constantly. This is the life we are called to live serving the Lord as Moses did.



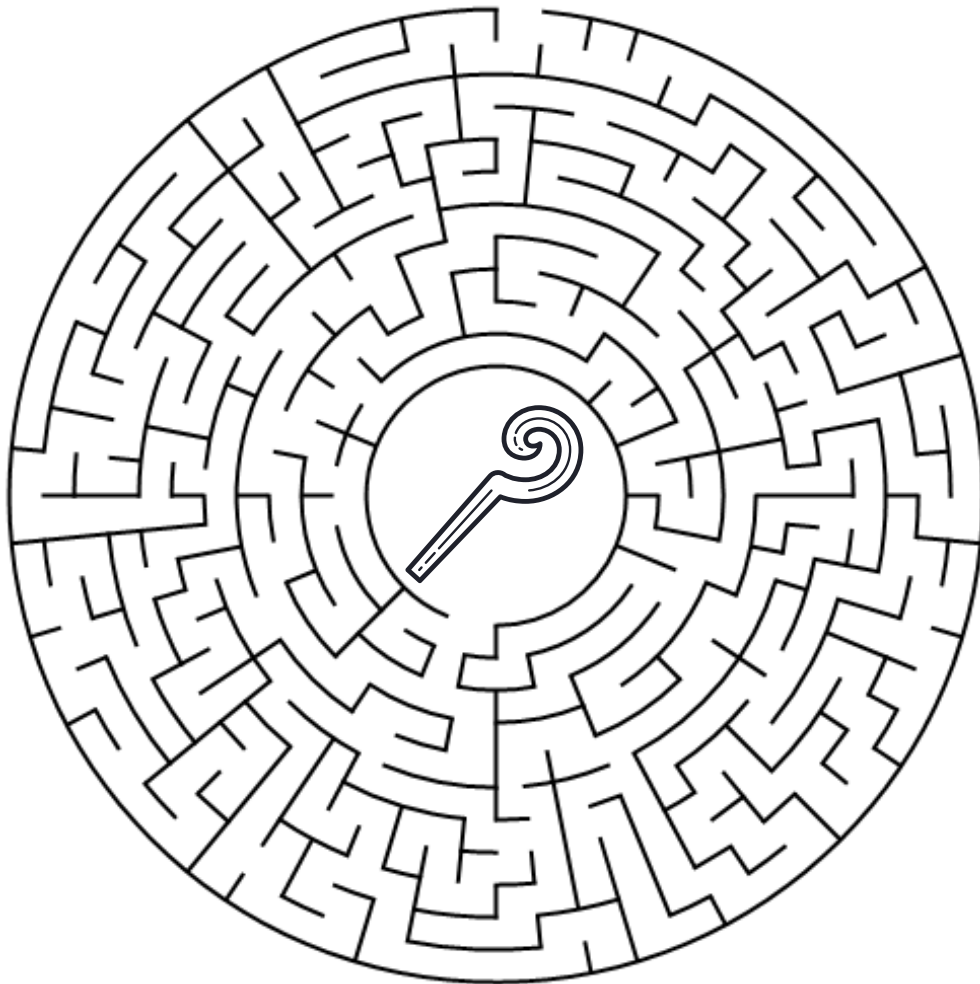
PRAYER

Thank God for the call He has on your life, even if you don’t know what it is yet. Ask Him for the faith to trust His promises and ask Him for forgiveness any time your doubt has stopped you from obeying Him. Pray for the courage to spread the Gospel of Jesus no matter where you are.

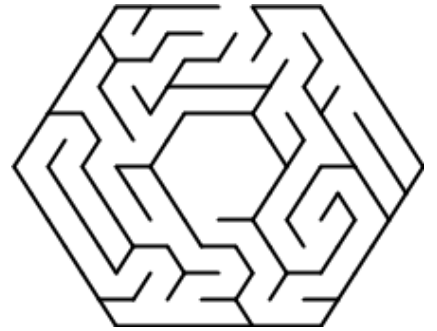
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