





**Bible Verse:** Exodus 3:4b (NIV) “God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”  
And Moses said, “Here I am.”


The following story re-enacts how Moses spoke to God in the burning bush.


 **Narrator:** Moses notices that the Israelites- his people- are very badly treated, beaten, and even killed. Moses gets angry and kills an Egyptian slave-beater, and then runs away to Midian. Now Moses is a sheep herder in Midian. He watches his sheep near Mount Horeb. And there, in Midian, at Mount Horeb, Moses sees a bush that is in flames, burning but not getting burned up. This bush just keeps flaming.


 **Moses:** “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”


 **God** (in the Bush): “Moses! Moses!”


 **Moses:** “Here I am.”


 **God:** “Do not come any closer,” Take off your sandals, 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** (hiding his face dramatically): “Aah”


 **God:** “The cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”


 **Moses:** “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”


 **God:** “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you. The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

 **Moses:** “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

 **God:** “Your brother Aaron is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. I will help both of you speak.

 **Moses:** “Teach us what to do.”

 **God** (hands staff to Moses): “Take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

 **Narrator:** So Moses and Aaron return to Egypt. God helps Aaron speak to Pharaoh. God helps Moses lead the Israelites out of slavery, through the Red Sea, and across the desert to the land God has promised to them.

**Wonder Question:** I wonder how Moses had the courage to ask God for his brother to help him in his mission. Would you have spoken up to God?

