

Mentor/Student Discussion Guide

Moses: The Frustrated Leader

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*Your goals in your time together today are get to know one another better and to discuss the story of Moses as found in Exodus. This is a long story. You won't be able to cover it all, and that's okay.

*Today you will need a pencil and a Bible. The exercise from the Connect Bible is included in this guide.

*It is just as important for youth to get to know mentors as it is for mentors to get to know youth. Both mentor and student should answer the questions for one another.

*Neither person should be made to feel that they should share more than they are comfortable sharing.

*You do not need to make sure you have answered every question listed below. They are provided merely as a way to guide your discussion. Neither should you feel limited to these questions.

*You will not be reporting answers to anyone. If it is helpful to write answers or take notes, feel free to do so knowing that it is not necessary.

*Please take a moment to pray together at the beginning or end of your time together. You may pray your own prayer or use the following (spoken by one person or both together).

Gracious God, we thank you for saving your people, over and over again. Help us to live gratefully – doing what you call us to do, sharing your love. Amen

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Check in

*Check in about any events that have happened since or conversation from the last time you met.

*Each person share a high and a low (something good and something no-so-good that happened) since you last met.

Video

*What did you like/not like about the video?

*What is something you learned or found surprising?

*Does Moses remind you of yourself in any way? How or why not?

*Would you have picked Moses to lead the Israelites? Why or why not?

Bible

*Scan through Exodus, stopping to read and passages that strike one or both of you.

-Where do you see scenes of Moses frustration? Scenes of God's boldness?

-How does Moses change throughout the story? How about the Israelites? God?

*Read Exodus 3:1-12.

-Read and do the activity from page 77 in the Connect Bible. (See below)

-Tell about a big disappointment in your life and how it changed you.

More Discussion

- *Name three things about leadership that excite or scare you.
- *Tell about a time when you had to lead other people. What happened? Did it go well? Did you hit any obstacles? How did you handle them?
- *What are some specific ways that you can act as a Christian leader in your own life?

EXODUS 3:2



Moses



This is a burning bush.

God spoke to Moses through a bush that was on fire but didn't burn up. God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery and into freedom. We may not see burning bushes, but God calls us too, in usual and unusual ways.

Exodus 3:1-12

Many years after Joseph and his family moved to Egypt, the number of Israelites grew and grew. The Pharaoh in power was afraid there were so many Israelites that they would turn against Egypt. The Pharaoh made the Israelites slaves, and they cried out to God to be freed.

Moses was an Israelite who ran away from Pharaoh. He was tending a flock of sheep when he noticed something very unusual—a burning bush. God used this sign to call Moses to lead the Israelites to freedom. Even though Moses was pretty sure he wasn't the guy for the job, God knew better. Moses was assured that with God's help, he could do it!

Draw a burning bush by these important parts of the story.

- God gets Moses' attention.
- God tells Moses why his help is needed.
- God encourages Moses.

God's burning bush was a sign that God had a job for Moses. How does God let you know there are things to do in the world? Write about it here.



