



# Connect the Dots

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw lines to connect each dot to the next in numerical order.



*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
**Unit 4 • Session 4**  
**Moses Was Born and Called**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- A new Pharaoh feared the size of the Israelites' growing families.
- Pharaoh began killing Israelite baby boys, but Moses' mother hid him.
- Moses grew up in Egypt, but later fled to Midian.
- God called Moses to deliver His people from captivity.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Hosea 13:4

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Is there anything God cannot do? God can do all things according to His character.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why do you think Moses was afraid to obey God at first?
- What does God's name, "I AM WHO I AM" mean?
- How can we know what God wants us to do?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Use the Internet to research different ways to waterproof materials. Work together as a family to waterproof winter clothing, and discuss what Moses' mother did to protect his basket.



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# The BIBLE Story

## Moses Was Born and Called

*Exodus 1–4*

Years after Joseph brought his family to Egypt, Joseph died. His family stayed in Egypt. They were known as Israelites because they came from the family of Jacob, who was called Israel.

A new pharaoh came to power, and he was afraid of the Israelites. The family had grown so big; Pharaoh worried they would join Egypt's enemies and fight against him. **Pharaoh made the Israelites slaves** and gave them very hard work to do, **but their families kept growing!** Pharaoh ordered for all their baby boys to be killed.

Around this time, a woman gave birth to a son. She hid him as long as she could, and then she put him in a basket and set it along the banks of the Nile River.

The baby's older sister, Miriam, stayed nearby and watched the basket.

Soon Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to take a bath. She found the basket and saw the crying baby. Pharaoh's daughter felt sorry for the baby and wanted him to be her son. The princess named the baby Moses.

When Moses grew up, he saw an Egyptian man mistreating an Israelite man. Moses killed the Egyptian. Pharaoh found out what



Moses did and he was angry, so Moses fled Egypt. He **worked as a shepherd in Midian for many years.** Moses got married and had a family. **Still the Israelite people in Egypt were miserable, and they cried out to God. God heard them, and He planned to help them.**

**One day, Moses saw a burning bush.** The bush was not burning up! Suddenly, **God called from the bush: “Moses, Moses!”**

Moses replied, “Here I am.”

God told Moses to take off his sandals because Moses was standing on holy ground. Then **God said, “I have seen how My people are suffering. I want you to lead them out of Egypt to a good land I have for them.”**

Moses wondered if the Israelites even remembered God. “What if they ask for Your name? What should I tell them?”

“I AM WHO I AM,” God said. “Tell them: I AM has sent me to you.”

“What if they don’t believe me?” Moses asked.

So God gave Moses three miraculous signs to prove that God had appeared to him: Moses’ staff would turn into a snake, his hand would become diseased and then healed, and water from the river would turn into blood. **Moses still made excuses and said, “Please send someone else.” Now God was angry, but He agreed to send Moses’ brother, Aaron, with him. So Moses went to Egypt.**

*Christ Connection: God saved Moses’ life and called him to rescue God’s people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God’s people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.*

## **Bible Storytelling Tips**

- **Move with the story:** Designate two areas of the room as Egypt and Midian. As you tell the story, move to the “location” of the setting.
- **Sound effects:** Play different sound effects to capture the attention of the kids. Play the sound of running water when discussing Moses’ basket in the river, the bleating of sheep when discussing Moses’ stint as a shepherd, and the crackling of a fire when discussing the burning bush.

## LOW PREP

- backpacks, 2
- flashlights, 2
- Bibles, 2
- folded maps, 2
- bars of soap, 2

Tip: Use this activity option to reinforce the missions moment found in Teach the Story.

- paper
- red, yellow, and orange tissue paper
- brown crayons or markers
- glue

### Activity choice (10 minutes)



#### OPTION 1: Backpack unpack

Pack two backpacks, each with a flashlight, Bible, folded map, and bar of soap. Place the backpacks next to each other on one side of the room. Form two teams of kids and instruct each team to line up across from a backpack. The first kid in each line will run to his team's backpack, pull out each item and act out its use. Kids must turn the flashlight on and off, open the Bible, unfold the map and pretend to wash with the soap. They must then put all items back into the backpack as they were and return to line. The next kid will repeat this process. The first team to finish wins.

**SAY** • Moses was in the mountains watching sheep when he saw a bush that was in flames but not burned up. That's where **God called Moses to deliver His people from captivity.**

The Bagbys are missionaries in Nepal. The whole family hikes into the mountains there to tell the Tibetan people about Jesus. The Bagbys usually carry a backpack with supplies as they go. The wonderful thing about God's mission for us is that we can carry it out each day no matter where we are! We can show love to others and tell them about Jesus no matter where God calls us to live.

#### OPTION 2: Burning bush

Give kids a sheet of paper and bits of red, yellow, and orange tissue paper. Tell the kids to draw a bush using brown crayons or markers. Then provide glue to help them stick fire-colored tissue paper all over their paper.

**SAY** • Moses saw a bush that was covered in fire but did

not burn up. He was curious to see it and went to investigate. When he got closer, God spoke to him. **God called Moses to deliver His people from captivity.** It was a big job, and Moses was afraid to accept it, but God promised to help him and give him power.

Jesus was sent by God with an even bigger job: to die on the cross and rescue us from our sin. Jesus obeyed God perfectly, and only He can lead us out of captivity to sin and into God's kingdom.

### **Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)**

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Whom can I tell about this story?

Make sure to send the journal sheets home with kids alongside the activity page so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page provided with this session. Pray for your group.

- pencils and crayons
- paper
- Bible Story Coloring Page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week's Big Picture Cards for Families to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.