

## BACKSTAGE PASS: Stage Fright

4 Scenes from Moses lives...

Scene one: Moses' \_\_\_\_\_

Scene two: Moses' \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 3:1-6 (NIV) Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire, it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:7-10 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... And now 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."

Scene three: Moses' \_\_\_\_\_

5 Excuses Moses gives God...

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Exodus 3:11 Moses asks, "Who am I?"

Exodus 3:12 And God said "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt..."

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 3:13 Moses said to God, "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 said to Moses, "I am who I am! This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 4:1. He says, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and they say, 'The Lord did not appear to you!'"

Exodus 4:2 The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff" he replied.

Verse 17 "Take this staff."

Verse 20. So Moses took his wife and his sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 4:10 Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

Exodus 4:11-12 "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

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Exodus 4:13 But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

Exodus 4:14-17 Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

Scene four: Moses' \_\_\_\_\_