## Moses - Reluctant Beginnings

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#### Exodus 1 - 4

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Readings this week	
S	Exodus 1
Μ	Exodus 2: 1 - 10
Т	Exodus 2: 11 - 25
W	Exodus 3
Th	Exodus 4: 1 - 17
F	Exodus 4: 18 - 31
S	Nehemiah 9: 6 - 10



I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them. Exodus 3:7 - 8

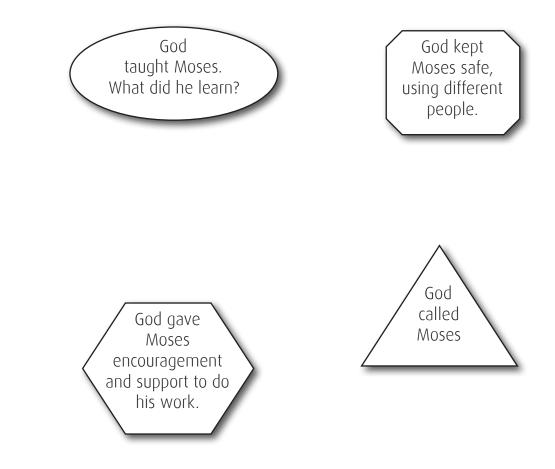
What was life like for the Israelites in Egypt?

How does this fit in with the promises God made to Abraham?

Look at Exodus 2:23-25 and 3:7-9 How did God feel about what was happening?

How do you think he feels today when his people are suffering?

What was his solution? (Exodus 3:8-11)



#### Preparing to serve

God prepared Moses for the task of leading his people out of Egypt. Can you think of examples? There are lots in the first four chapters of Exodus. Write notes about your examples round each title.

### Hard lessons

What do you think Moses' was like?

Is your answer the same as Numbers 12:3?

God used what seemed to be difficult situations in Moses' life to teach him lessons. Do you think God does the same in our lives today?

What would have frightened you about the job Moses was told to do?

Which aspects of Moses' character should you try to adopt in your life?

## **Digging Deeper - God through the ages**

Exodus 3:1-6. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. In verse 14 what does God say his name is? Some Bibles will tell you that this also means 'I will be.' In the first half of verse 12 what did God promise Moses? Who else did God promise this to? - see Genesis 26:3,24; Genesis 28:15; Joshua 1:5; Isaiah 41:10

Now read John 8:16, 28-30. God spoke to the people through Jesus. In verse 58-59 why do you think the Jews tried to stone Jesus? (John 10:31-33 will help) Did some people understand how God was speaking through Jesus? (look back at John 8:30)

What does Jesus promise? Matthew 28:20

