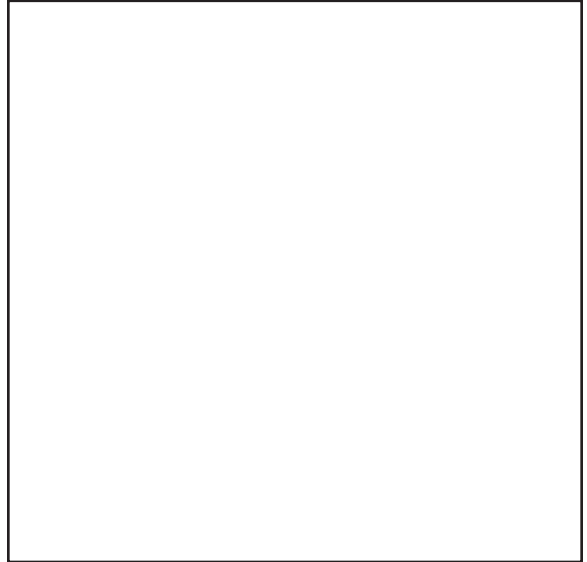


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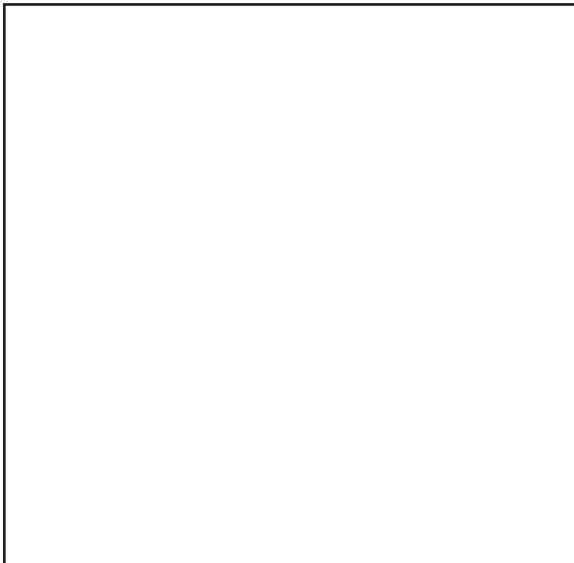


***Moses was looking after Jethro's Sheep***



Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness 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.

***God called to Moses from a burning bush***



When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

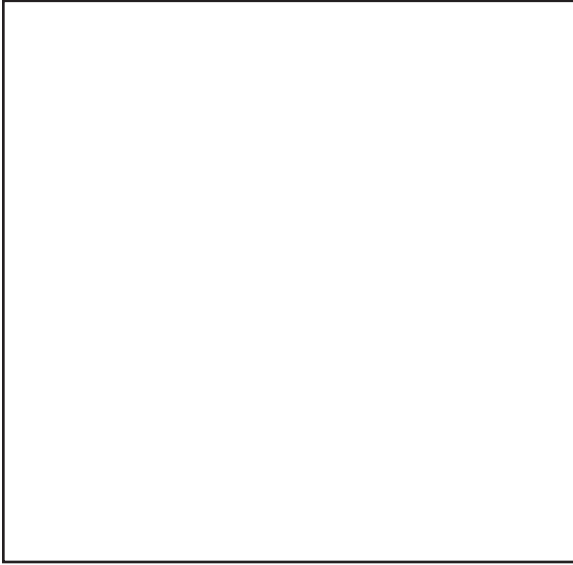
***God told Moses that he would rescue his people***



The Lord said, "I have seen the misery of my people. I have heard them crying out, and I am concerned about their suffering. I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians. "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

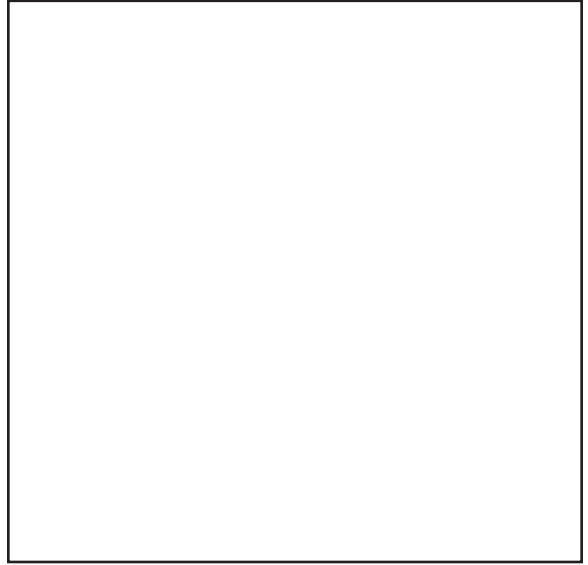
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***Moses threw his staff down on the ground***



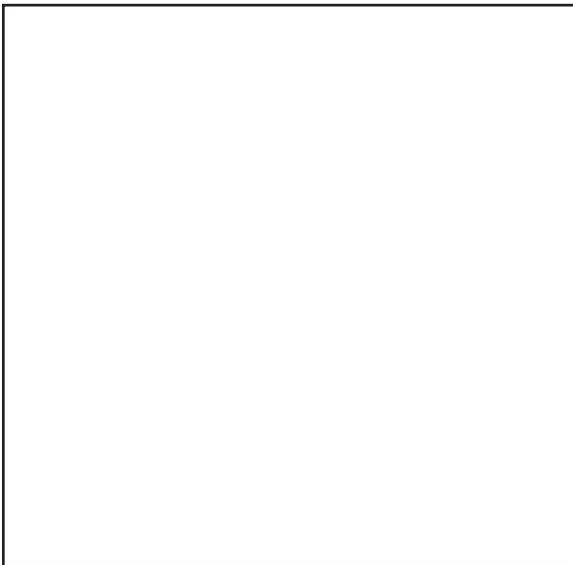
Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’” Then the Lord said, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.”

***The Lord turned the staff into a snake***



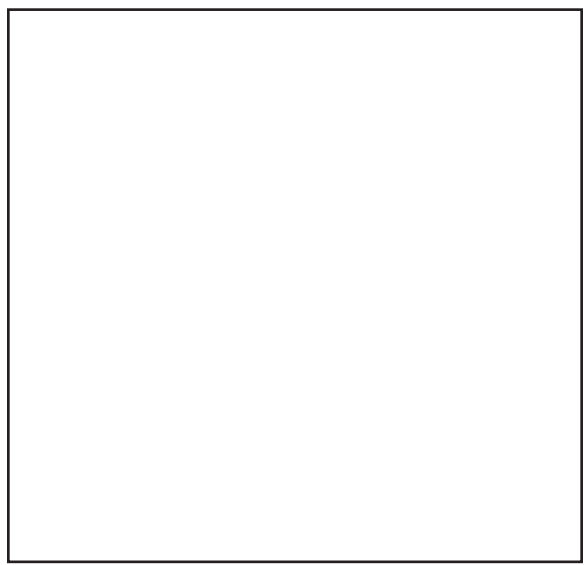
It became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out, took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

***Moses was worried about speaking to the people***



Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, 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. Please send someone else.”

***Moses returned to his people and trusted in the Lord to help him***



The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”