



Lesson 4

Psalm 77:14

You are the God who does miracles. You show Your power among the nations.

Signs for Moses to Do

Exodus 4:1–17

¹Moses answered, “What if the elders of Israel won’t believe me? What if they won’t listen to me? Suppose they say, ‘The Lord didn’t appear to you.’ Then what should I do?”

²The Lord said to him, “What do you have in your hand?”

“A walking stick,” he said.

³The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.”

So Moses threw it on the ground. It turned into a snake. He ran away from it. ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach your hand out. Take the snake by the tail.” So he reached out and grabbed the snake. It turned back into a walking stick in his hand. ⁵The Lord said, “When they see this sign, they will believe that I appeared to you. I am the Lord, the God of their fathers. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob.”

⁶Then the Lord said, “Put your hand inside your coat.” So Moses put his hand inside his coat. When he took it out, the skin had become as white as snow. His hand was covered with a skin disease.

⁷“Now put it back into your coat,” the Lord said. So Moses put his hand back into his coat. When he took it out, the skin was healthy again. His hand was like the rest of his skin.

⁸Then the Lord said, “Suppose they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign. Then maybe they will believe the second one. ⁹But suppose they do not believe either sign. Suppose they will not listen to you. Then get some water from the Nile River. Pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will turn into blood on the ground.”

¹⁰Moses spoke to the Lord. He said, “Lord, I’ve never been a good speaker. And I haven’t gotten any better since You spoke to me. I don’t speak very well at all.”

¹¹The Lord said to him, “Who makes human beings able to talk? Who makes them unable to hear or speak? Who makes them able to see? Who makes them blind? It is I, the Lord. ¹²Now go. I will help you speak. I will teach you what to say.”

¹³But Moses said, “Lord, please send someone else to do it.”

¹⁴Then the Lord became very angry with Moses. He said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you. He will be glad to see you. ¹⁵Speak to him. Tell him what to say. I will help both of you speak. I will teach you what to do. ¹⁶He will speak to the

people for you. He will be like your mouth. And you will be like God to him. ¹⁷But take this walking stick in your hand. You will be able to do signs with it.”

Questions

- 1 Did Moses trust the Lord enough to not be afraid to do what God had asked him to do? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:1)
- 2 What was Moses afraid of? Moses was afraid the elders of Israel would not _____ him or _____ to him. (Ex. 4:1)
- 3 What did the Lord do to help Moses not be afraid? The Lord gave Moses (how many?) _____ signs for Moses to use to prove that the Lord had appeared to him. (Ex. 4:2-9)
- 4 What was the first sign the Lord gave Moses? When Moses threw his _____ on the ground, it would become a _____. Then when Moses grabbed the snake by its _____, it would turn back into a walking stick. (Ex. 4:2-4)
- 5 What was the second sign the Lord gave Moses? When Moses put his _____ inside his _____ and then took his hand out, it would be covered with a skin _____ (often called leprosy) that would make it appear as _____ as snow. Then when Moses put his hand _____ into his coat and took it out again, it would be _____. (Ex. 4:6-7)
- 6 What was the third sign the Lord gave Moses? When Moses took some _____ from the _____ River and _____ it on the dry _____, the water would turn into _____ on the ground. (Ex. 4:9)
- 7 Did these three amazing signs and wonders from the Lord help Moses not be afraid? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:10)
- 8 What was Moses afraid of now? Moses was afraid he wouldn't be able to **S** _____ very well, because he had never been a _____ speaker, and he hadn't gotten any _____ even after the Lord had been speaking to him. (Ex. 4:10)
- 9 What did the Lord say to Moses to help him not be afraid to speak? God said that He would _____ Moses speak and would _____ him what to say. (Ex. 4:12)
- 10 Did Moses finally agree to trust and obey the Lord? (Yes/No) _____. Moses **b** _____ (means “strongly asked”) God to send someone else. (Ex. 4:13)
- 11 When the Lord became very angry with Moses for not trusting Him, did the Lord turn His back on Moses and give up on him? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:14-16)



God's anger is different from most human anger. It is honourable and unselfish. God's anger is a righteous anger that keeps us safe and protected.

- 12 Did the Lord punish Moses? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:14–17)
- 13 What did the Lord do? The Lord encouraged Moses further by telling Moses he could take with him his brother, _____, because *he* could speak _____. (Ex. 4:14)
- 14 What would Aaron be like to Moses, and what would Moses be like to Aaron? Aaron would be like Moses' _____, and Moses would be like _____ to Aaron. (Ex. 4:16)
- 15 What did the Lord tell Moses to take with him? Why? The Lord told Moses to take with him the _____ in his hand so that Moses would be able to do _____ with it. (Ex. 4:17)

Moses Returns to Egypt

Exodus 4:18–31

¹⁸Then Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro. He said to him, “Let me return to my own people in Egypt. I want to see if any of them are still alive.”

Jethro said, “Go. I hope everything goes well with you.”

¹⁹The Lord had said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt. All those who wanted to kill you are dead.” ²⁰So Moses got his wife and sons. He put them on a donkey. Together they started back to Egypt. And he took the walking stick in his hand. It was the stick God would use in a powerful way.

²¹The Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “When you return to Egypt, do all the amazing things I have given you the power to do. Do them in the sight of Pharaoh. But I will make him stubborn. He will not let the people go. ²²Then say to Pharaoh, ‘The Lord says, “Israel is like an oldest son to Me. ²³I told you, ‘Let My son go. Then he will be able to worship Me.’ But you refused to let him go. So I will kill your oldest son.’””

²⁴On the way to Egypt, Moses stopped for the night. There the Lord met him and was about to kill him. ²⁵But Zipporah got a knife made out of flint. She circumcised her son with it. Then she touched Moses' feet with the skin she had cut off. “Surely, you are a husband who has forced me to spill my son's blood,” she said. ²⁶So the Lord didn't kill Moses. When she said “husband who has forced me to spill my son's blood,” she was talking about circumcision.

²⁷The Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to see Moses.” So Aaron greeted Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him. ²⁸Then Moses told Aaron everything the Lord had sent him to say. Moses also told him about all the signs the Lord had commanded him to do.

²⁹Moses and Aaron gathered all the elders of Israel together. ³⁰Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹And they believed. They heard that the Lord was concerned about them. He had seen their suffering. So they bowed down and worshipped Him.

Questions

- 16 Did Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, let Moses return to his own people in Egypt? (Yes/No) _____.
(Ex. 4:18)
- 17 Were all those in Egypt who wanted to kill Moses now dead? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:19)
- 18 Whom did Moses take with him to Egypt? Moses took with him his _____ and _____.
(Ex. 4:20)
- 19 What did Moses take with him to Egypt? Moses took with him his _____, just like God had told him to. (Ex. 4:20)
- 20 Who was going to make Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, too stubborn to let the Israelites go? _____ was going to make Pharaoh too stubborn to let the Israelites go. (Ex. 4:21)
- 21 What was Israel like to the Lord? Israel was like an _____ to God. (Ex. 4:22)
- 22 What did the Lord say He was going to do to Pharaoh's oldest son? Why? God said He was going to _____ Pharaoh's oldest son, because Pharaoh would refuse to let Israel (who was like an oldest son to God) go. (Ex. 4:23)



The Pharaohs who enslaved God's people were brutal dictators and mass murderers. Don't forget all the baby boys who had been ripped out of their mother's arms and thrown into the Nile River. Justice had to be done.

- 23 As Moses was on the way to Egypt, why was the Lord going to take Moses' life? The Lord was going to take Moses' life because Moses had not **o**_____ **ed** (opposite of "disobeyed") the Lord's command to **C**_____ his son. (Ex. 4:24–26)

Genesis 17:14

"Any male who has not been circumcised will be separated from his people. He has broken My covenant."



This was the one command God had given Abraham and his descendants to follow. Circumcision was a physical sign of God's covenant promise to them.



Moses couldn't be a leader and teach the Israelites obedience to God if he himself didn't obey God.

- 24 Did the Lord take Moses' life? (Yes/No) _____. What happened instead? The Lord graciously gave Moses a _____ (follows "first") chance. (Ex. 4:26)



I don't think it was ever God's intention to take Moses' life, since otherwise God would never have chosen Moses. God was instead training Moses for leadership. In the beginning, it's hard to see what God saw in Moses. Even Moses didn't think he could be a leader of God's people. But God saw him differently. God was teaching Moses that if Moses trusted and obeyed Him, Moses could do anything by God's power.

- 25 Was Moses' wife, Zipporah, supportive of the Lord's covenant of circumcision? (Yes/No) _____. How do you know? Because she got **a** _____ (means "very mad") at Moses for putting her in a situation where she had to circumcise their son to save Moses' life. (Ex. 4:25)
- 26 Around this time, whom did the Lord speak to and tell to go into the desert to see Moses? The Lord spoke to _____. (Ex. 4:27)
- 27 Where did Moses and Aaron meet? They met at the _____ of God. (Ex. 4:27)
- 28 What did Moses tell Aaron there? Moses told Aaron _____ the Lord had sent Moses to say and about all the _____ the Lord had commanded him to do. (Ex. 4:28)
- 29 Did Aaron agree to go with Moses to Egypt? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:29)



Unlike Moses, the thought of going to the king of Egypt with God's message didn't seem to worry Aaron at all.

- 30 Who spoke to the elders of Israel and performed the signs in the sight of the people? _____ spoke to the elders and also performed the signs. (Ex. 4:30)



I guess Moses was so terrified he couldn't speak *or* move.

- 31 Did the elders of Israel believe Moses and Aaron? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 4:31)



Moses worried for no reason. The Lord came through, just like He said He would.

- 32 How did the Israelites respond to the good news? They _____ down and _____ the Lord. (Ex. 4:31)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
