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“Act It Out” Script

Ask the two people you enlisted prior to Bible Connection to come to the front. They will both need a script. One will sit on the floor facing the group to represent the burning bush and God’s voice. That person could hold a sign that says “burning bush.” The other person will be Moses. The Bible Connection leader reads the narrator lines.

Narrator: *Then Moses said,*

Moses: *I’m going over to see this strange sight. Why does that bush not burn up?*

God: *Moses! Moses!*

Moses: *Here I am.*

Narrator: *Moses hid his face. He was afraid to look at God.*

God: *Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals. The place where you are standing is holy ground. I am going to send you to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring the Israelites out of slavery and take them to a better place.*

Moses: *Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?*

God: *I will be with you.*

Moses: *But what will I say when they ask me the name of the one who sent me?*

God: *Say, “I AM WHO I AM. I AM has sent me to you.”*

Narrator: (Turn to page 65 and read Exodus 3:14a from the KBC Study Bible.) *Now we see how our Memory Link fits into today’s lesson.*

Moses: *But what if they don’t believe me or listen to me?*

God: *What is that in your hand?*

Moses: *A rod.*

God: *Throw it on the ground.*

Moses: (throws the rod on the ground)

Narrator: (Turn to page 66 and read Exodus 4:3-5 from the KBC Study Bible.) *God did this for Moses to use as a sign to Pharaoh so that he would believe God had sent him. If we continue reading, we see that God didn’t stop there. He gave Moses two more signs that he could use to show Pharaoh that the message to let the people go was truly from God. But Moses was still not confident.*

Moses: *I don’t talk very well. I’ve never been good with words.*

God: *Do you know who made man’s mouth? I did. I will be with you so that you will know what to say.*

Moses: *Isn’t there anyone else you could send?*

Narrator: *By this time, God had gotten angry with Moses.*

God: *Aaron, your brother, will go with you. He will speak for you. I will be with you both and teach you what to do. Take the rod in your hand with you. You’re going to need it to perform the signs.*

Narrator: *Moses returned to Egypt to do what God asked him to do. He took the rod with him, just like God had said. He finally seemed to understand that he could put his confidence in God.*

CONFIDENCE

BURNING BUSH