

Moses the leader

Storyteller Bob Hartman offers these storytelling tips:

"Thinking about a story – what it means and how it works – is just as important as any technique you might use to tell it. All stories function in essentially the same way. I usually start by boiling the story down to its basics, so I can take a good look at it.

"Every story has one central problem. And because it is the problem that drives the story – that makes the listener want to get to the end and discover how that problem is resolved – it is vital that the teller understands what that problem is. The problem needs to be stated early and then used to build the tension throughout the story."

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9 Living in the desert

The people of Israel were travelling across a hot dusty desert to the new home God had promised them. "We're hungry," everybody complained to Moses. "Our tummies are rumbling. If we don't get some food soon, we will all die. We always had enough to eat in Egypt."

"The people are unhappy," Moses told God.

"I will make sure they have enough to eat," God promised. "In the mornings, they will find food on the ground. Tell everybody to collect some and eat it. In the evenings, I will send some birds they can cook for supper."

"God will provide everything we need," Moses told the people.

In the mornings, the ground was covered with white flakes. They tasted like honey biscuits.

"Mmm, delicious," everyone said. In the evenings, God sent meat for supper. That was good, too. God always provided enough food and water.

Exodus 16:1 – 17:7



10 Rules from God

Something very special was happening! There was thunder and lightning and the noise of trumpets. Smoke covered the whole of the big mountain. The people of Israel stood at the bottom of the mountain and felt very frightened. The ground shook underneath their feet.

"Moses, I want to talk to you," said God. So, Moses climbed up the mountain.

"This is important," God told him. "These are the rules I want everyone to obey:

"Always remember that I am very special. I am the only God there is. Worship me, not anyone or anything else. Remember one day a week is a special day. Use it to have a rest and to think about me. Love your parents. Don't hurt people, tell lies or steal things. I want you to always love me and be kind to other people. Never forget these rules. They are important."

Exodus 19:16 – 20:17



11 Moses meets God

Being the leader of the people of Israel was an important job. There were times when Moses wanted to ask God about what he should do.

Everybody knew when Moses was talking to God. He always went into his special tent and a thick cloud covered the door. Then, God talked to his friend, Moses.

"I will always be with you," God promised, "wherever you go."

One day Moses asked him, "Please could I see what you look like?"

"Yes, you may see me, but you cannot see my face," God told him.

"Meet me at the top of the big mountain tomorrow morning." Then God came and stood next to Moses. "I am God," he said. "You can always trust me."

Moses felt so happy he had met God. It was wonderful.

"You are so great and special," Moses said. "Please promise that you will stay with us wherever we go."

Exodus 33:7–23, 34:1–9, 29–35



12 A place to worship God

God said, "Moses, I want my people to make a special tent where they can come to worship me. Ask the people for everything you need and I will show you what to do."

So Moses asked the people, "Come and bring gifts to make a special place to worship God. Bring your rings and bracelets; give your gold, silver and bronze metals. Give your best red, blue and purple wool; your wood and leather and finest cloth. Bring shiny stones, sweet spices and the best oils and perfumes."

The people brought all these gifts – and more!

God said, "Bezalel is very clever. He will make the special tent."

So Moses gave everything the people had brought to Bezalel. And Bezalel did what God told him to do. He made a beautiful place to worship God.

Exodus 35:20 – 36:7;
39:32 – 40:38

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His love goes on and on and on.
Amazing things are what he does.
His love goes on and on and on.
His people know how strong he is.
His love goes on and on and on.
There's no one quite as strong as God.

His love goes on and on and on.
He made the sky above our heads.
His love goes on and on and on.
He stretched the land across the sea.

His love goes on and on and on.
He made the bright lights in the sky.

His love goes on and on and on.
He made the sun to rule each day.
His love goes on and on and on.
The moon and stars to rule each night.

His love goes on and on and on.
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136:1–9

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