

# Moses and the Lamb

When Moses was a young man, he spent his days as a shepherd taking care of his father-in-law's flocks in the land in Midian.

One summer afternoon while Moses was taking the herd through a sweet green pasture, he counted the sheep and found one missing.

"This cannot be," said Moses to himself. "Maybe I made a mistake when I counted the sheep." So he counted the sheep again, but there was still one sheep missing. No matter how many times he counted, the total was always the same. One of the animals was really gone!

Moses looked up and saw the smallest lamb in the flock disappearing over a hill at the edge of the field.

Moses quickly decided to go after the little lamb. He threw down his staff and ran after the lamb, leaving his dog to watch the grazing herd.

For almost an hour, he chased the little lamb. He went through the tall, soft grass, through the thick woods, and across the slippery marshes. But the lamb was still nowhere in sight.

"Why did the lamb run away?" Moses wondered. "Did something frighten it?"

Finally, Moses spotted the little lamb. It had stopped on the banks of the stream and was busily drinking the water. It drank like it hadn't had anything to drink in weeks.

"Now I see why you ran away," said Moses. "Finish drinking all the water you want."

Moses waited very patiently for the lamb to finish drinking. The sun had already begun to set by the time the little lamb finally finished drinking.

Moses quietly and gently picked up the little lamb and held it in his arms. He spoke softly and sang to the lamb so it wouldn't be scared. Then he took the lamb back to the pasture and gently placed it near its mother's side.

Just then, Moses heard God's voice. "Just like the lamb was thirsty for water," said the Lord, "so my people Israel are thirsty for their freedom. And Moses, just as you brought the lamb back from the water with such kindness and understanding, so, too, will you lead my people into the Promised Land."

# Moses Puppet for *Moses and the Lamb* Story

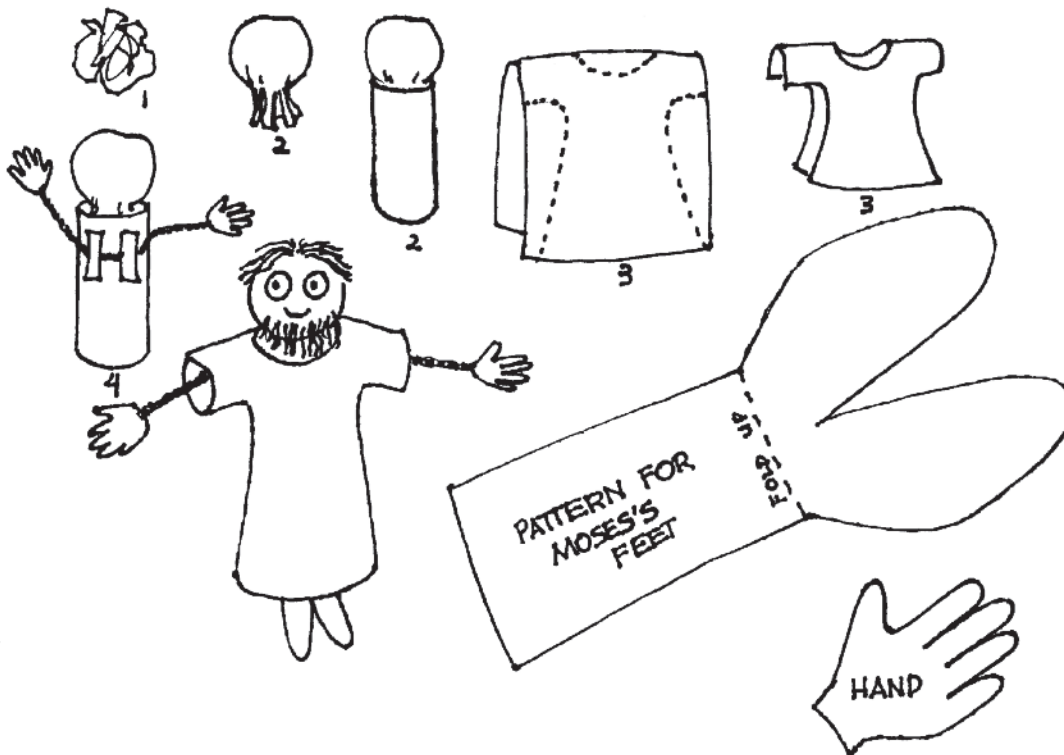
## Materials:

One toilet paper roll, felt or other material, yarn, tissue paper, two wiggle eyes.

## Directions:

1. Crumple up a piece of tissue paper into the shape of a ball (or use a Styrofoam ball).
2. Cover it with another piece of tissue paper and smooth it out to be Moses' face. Stuff the excess from the ball into one end of the toilet paper roll.
3. Fold a piece of felt in half and cut shape for Moses' garment. Cut out a neck opening.
4. Tape a long pipe cleaner to the toilet paper roll where the arms of the garment will be. Tape a hand to each end of the pipe cleaner.
5. Put the garment on Moses and either sew or glue closed.
6. Cut out feet shape and push tab into bottom end of toilet paper roll.
7. Cut up some yarn to make hair and a beard. Glue onto Moses' head.
8. Glue on the wiggle eyes.
9. Glue on a piece of red yarn for Moses' mouth, or use a red marker.

## Diagram:



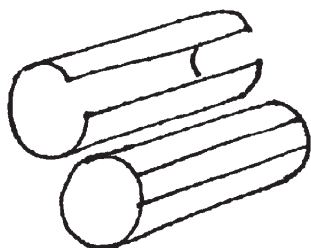
## Lamb Puppet for *Moses and the Lamb* Story

**Materials:** 3" x 4" pieces of thin tagboard, cotton balls, tape, glue, white felt, pipe cleaners, (wiggle eyes - optional)

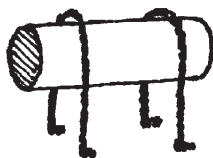
### Directions:

1. Cut a 3" x 4" rectangle out of thin tagboard. Roll it into a cylindrical shape and tape it closed.
2. Loop a pipe cleaner over the cylinder to form a set of legs. Do the same with another pipe cleaner to form the other set of legs.
3. Unroll cotton balls and glue onto tagboard body. Also glue a cotton ball onto one end of the body.
4. Cut a lamb's head out of tagboard. Cover both sides with white felt. Make an eye on each side with a marker or use wiggle eyes. Put tab into the open end of the body.

### Diagram:



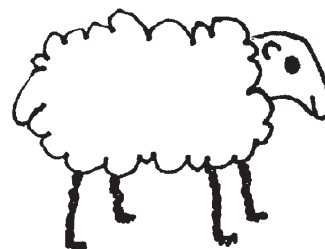
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

