[Narrator] Our story today is about Moses, the first great leader of God's people. In our story, He isn't a great leader yet, he's just getting started. Moses has some worries about his abilities, but Moses will learn that he doesn't have to do it all alone. Let's learn with Moses how God uses all of us.

As our story begins, Moses is headed back to Egypt from the desert where he has lived for a long time. God is trying to show him that he has everything he needs to lead God's people out of slavery in Egypt, but Moses has a few doubts. Well, let's see how it all works out. In our story are Moses, his walking stick, the voice of God, and his brother Aaron. Let's say hello to all of them.

[Scene] Moses walks on with staff in hand. He is looking into an empty area where the person playing God is.

[Moses] I'm really sorry, ah, well, I know you don't want me to know your name but can I just call you God for now?

[God] Yes Moses, that isn't my name but we'll worry about that later. I understand. Now, we've agreed that you know that I will be with you as you go back to Egypt and lead your people out of there.

[Moses] Well, about that leadership thing. Yes, my people are really being treated badly by the Egyptians, I remember trying to do something about that many years ago, in fact, the Egyptians were really angry about what I did and that's why I ran off to the desert. I agree that Somebody does have to help your people to join together and lead them to the land you've prepared, I um, just don't think it is me.

[God] Moses, we've been through that before. You know about the Egyptians because you grew up there. You know all about the Desert because you've lived out here for the last forty years and learned how to live in the desert. Do you think it is some kind of accident that you have all of this experience that almost nobody else has?

[Moses] No, I hadn't thought of it quite that way but...

[God] And remember what just happened a few minutes ago. Tell me what happened when you dropped your walking stick because I told you to.

[Scene] Moses drops stick and looks nervously at it.

[Moses] I hope you don't want me to do that again. The stick turned into a snake. I was about ready to run away.

[God] But you didn't, you listened to me and...

[Scene] Moses reaches out and picks up stick.

[Moses] Alright, when I reached out and took the snake it turned back into my walking stick.

[God] And what happened next?

[Moses] Well you told me to stick my hand into my shirt, when I took it back out it looked really gross.

[God] But when you followed my instructions and put it back in your shirt and then took it out again it was fine wasn't it.

[Moses] Well yes. You know God, it isn't that I doubt you and what you can do. I ah, well, if I go back to Egypt I'll have to talk with people like Pharaoh and, well they'll laugh at me because.

[God] Because when you get anxious you sometimes stutter, right?

[Moses] Right!!

[God] Moses, don't you understand, I made you just like I made everything. I made people who can't see, and people who can see really well, and everything in between. I did the same with people who can and can't hear, or can't walk and people who can run really fast, I made everyone really wonderfully unique. I did it that way so that you can learn together that Nobody has to do everything well by themselves. In fact, Now look over there.

[Scene] Moses looks.

[God] There is your brother Aaron. He can talk no matter what and he'll help you when you have to talk with Pharaoh and you'll be a team.

[Moses] You mean you'll use both of us?

[God] Yes, I use everyone.

[Narrator] So Moses learned that leading God's people wasn't all up to him. He learned that he had help with the things he wasn't good at, and he could use his skills to help others because that is how God wants it to be. God wants to use all of us, with all of our gifts, to help and make the world the kind of place that God wants it to be.