# L2L35: Moses and Aaron Meet Pharaoh

## Exodus 5-6

When God told Moses to go to Egypt, Moses was very reluctant. He complained that he was not able to speak well. God didn't accept his excuse. Instead, God informed him that Aaron, his brother, would speak on his behalf. They had a very difficult assignment - to tell Pharaoh that the great God of heaven demanded the release of the Israelites! Imagine the courage that it took to approach the Pharaoh of Egypt and give him this message! Yet Moses obeyed God and went to Egypt, preparing himself to face one of the most powerful rulers on earth, with faith in the most powerful ruler in the universe!

#### Discuss:

- How did Pharaoh react when Moses told him to let the people go?
- Straw was an important ingredient for making bricks. The Egyptians provided the Israelite slaves this straw to mix with mud. When Moses demanded the release of the Israelites, Pharaoh angrily responded by making a decree that the Israelites would have to gather their own straw from then on. How do you think the people felt about Pharaoh's order? How do you think they felt toward Moses?



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- Why do you think God allowed this to happen?
- What lessons did Moses and the Israelites learn from the way that God dealt with Pharaoh? What lessons can we learn from reading this part of the Bible?

#### Memory Challenge:

### Exodus 6:7

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.