

## **Moses Sees His Brother Aaron**

**Exodus 4:27-31**



**WEEK 8**

## POINT ➡ WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES.

Open your Bible to Exodus 4, and show children the words. **SAY: The Bible is God's special book. The Bible says God told Aaron to go to the desert to meet his brother Moses. God had a special job for Moses and Aaron to do together.**

**Moses and Aaron needed to do a kind of show and tell with the leaders of Israel. Moses was the "show-er" and Aaron was the "teller." Let's try that right now. I'll be the "teller" and you all get to be the "show-ers."**

Have kids take turns whispering a skill they have to you. For example, a child might be able to count to 10, sing a song, tie his shoes, recite a verse, or write her name. After a child has whispered to you, announce to everyone what the child can do. Have other kids give a thumbs up or down to show whether they believe the child can really do it. Then give the child a chance to demonstrate the skill.

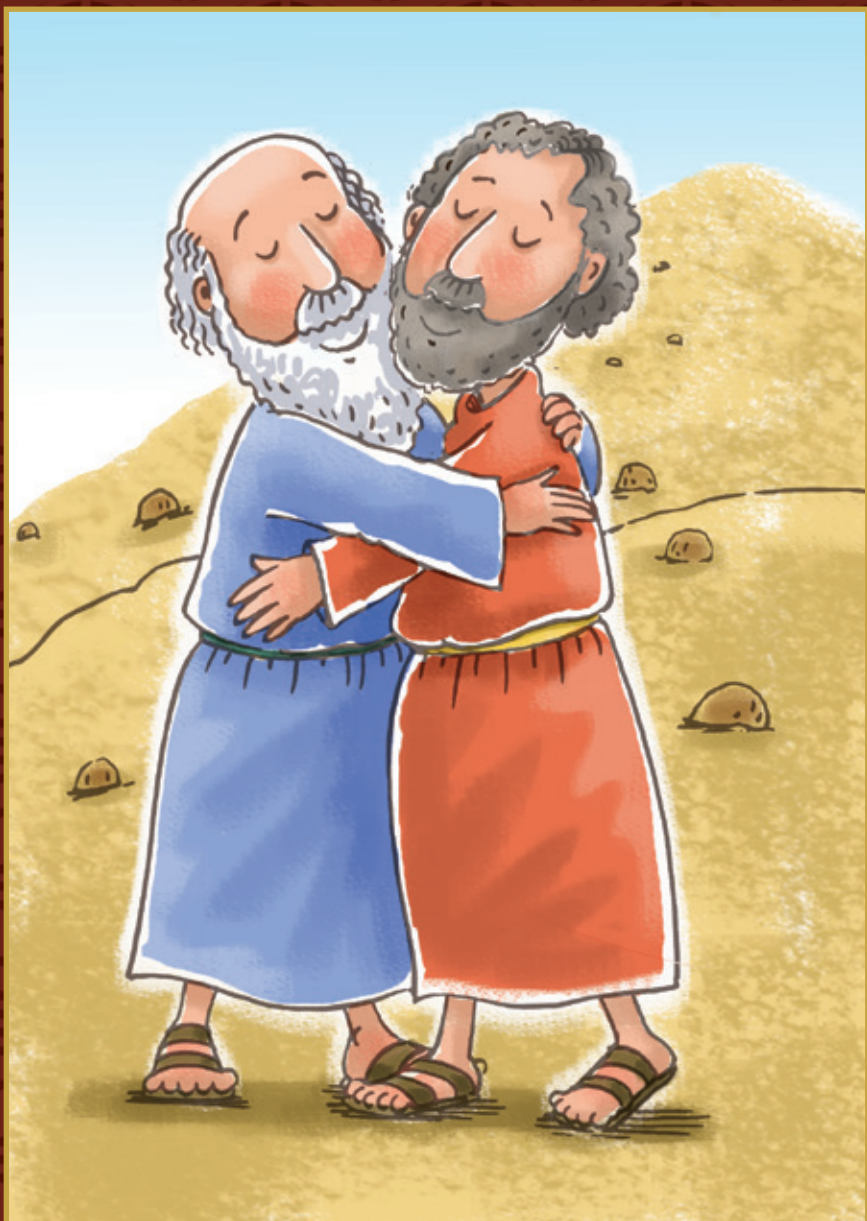
**SAY: We worked together so that I could tell your talent and you could show it. That's how Moses and Aaron worked together. Aaron told the leaders the instructions God gave Moses, while Moses did miracles to show God had sent them. Then the Israelites knew that God had really sent Moses and Aaron. So the leaders of Israel worshipped God.**

**ASK: What's something you and a family member work on together?**

**What's something you wish you could help your mom or dad do?**

**SAY: Moses and Aaron were great brothers because they could work together to serve God. We can work together with our families, too. ➡ WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES.**





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Have children form pairs, and give each pair *Buzz Play Foam*. **SAY: God told Aaron to meet Moses at the mountain in the desert. Work with your partner to build a tall mountain with the play foam. Pretend you're Moses and Aaron, and use your fingers to walk up the mountain to meet each other.** Allow children time to build their mountains and act out walking.

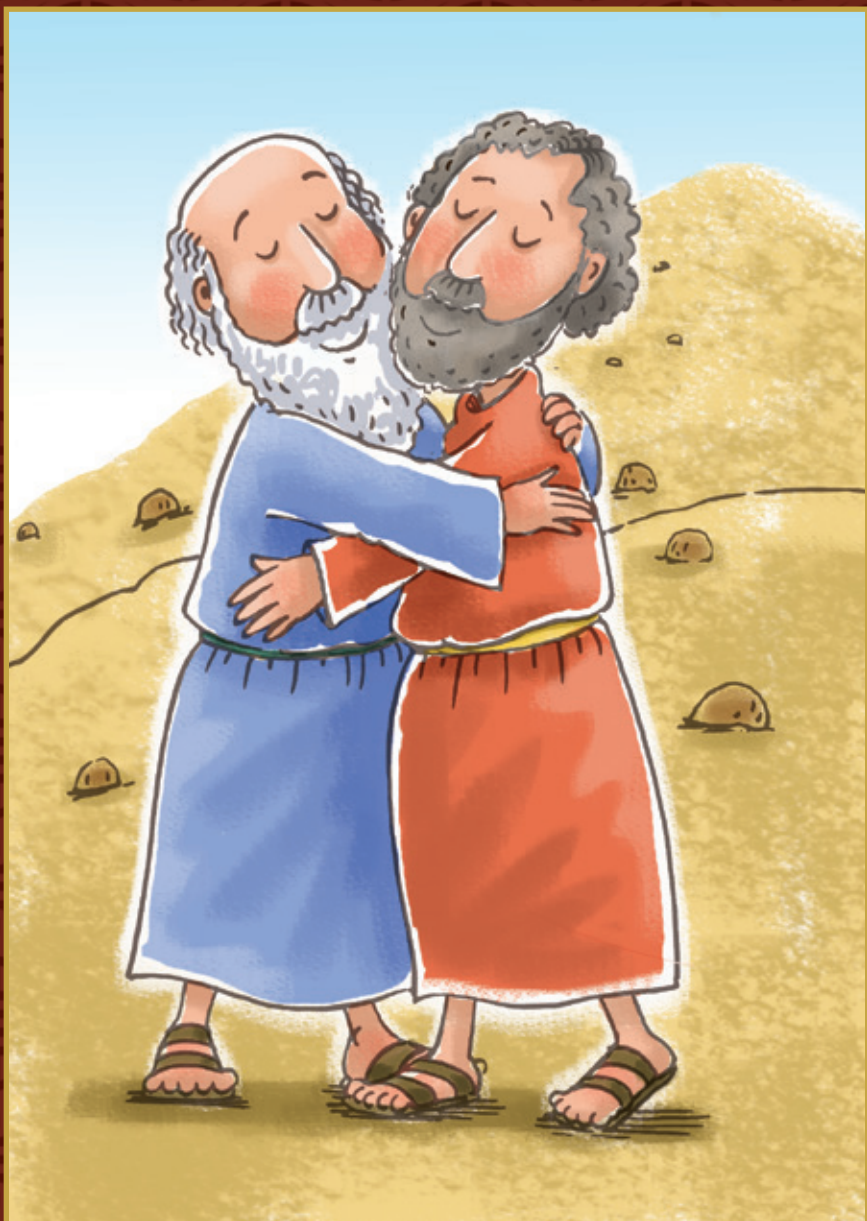
**SAY: When Moses and Aaron met on the mountain, they hugged each other because they'd been apart for a long time.**

**ASK: Share about a time someone in your family had to go away for a while. What did you do when you were together again?**

**Moses was excited to do something with Aaron for God. Tell about something exciting you've done with your family.**

**SAY: Moses and Aaron were thankful to God that he gave them each other as brothers. They showed how much they'd missed each other when they hugged on the mountain. ➡ WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES and show that we love them.**





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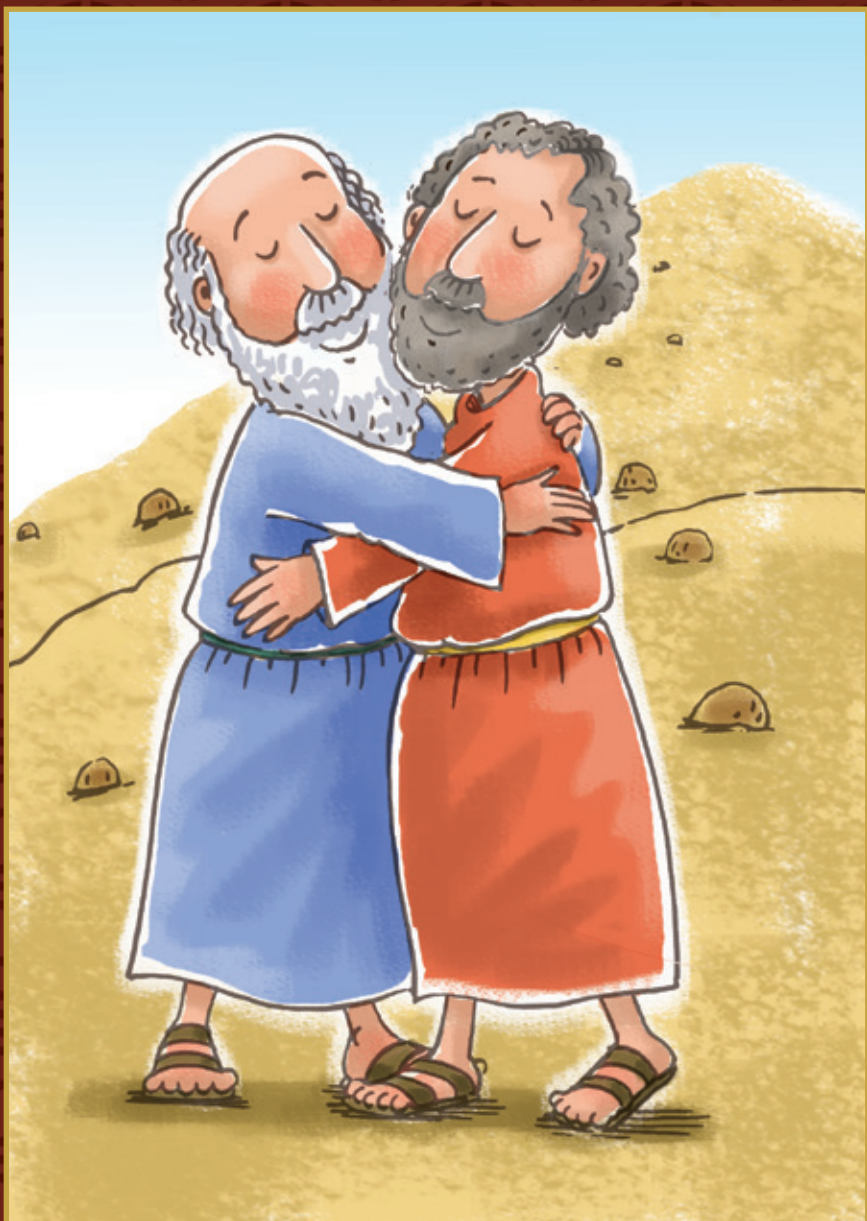
Sit in a circle with the children, and ask the questions below. After you ask each question, tell kids they'll have time to think about answers while the *Buzz Top* spins. When it stops, anyone who would like to can share.

**ASK: Aaron told the leaders about God's instructions. What has your family told you about God?**

**Moses showed the leaders God's power. What has your family done that shows you what God is like?**

**When you think about your family, what are you most thankful for?**

**SAY: Our families can help us know God more when they tell us about God and show us his love. ➡ WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES. Let's thank God for the things we shared right now.** Lead kids in prayer, thanking God for the things they shared that their families have done. Let kids add to the prayer if they choose.



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**SAY: God gave Moses instructions and Moses told them to Aaron. Then Aaron told the Israelites. Let's play a game to help tell a message the way Moses and Aaron did.**

Have kids form two lines. (If your group has five or fewer kids, form only one line.) Have the children in each line stand a few feet apart. The last child in line will run to the next child in the line and whisper one fact about his or her family. The child who heard the message runs to the next child to repeat it.

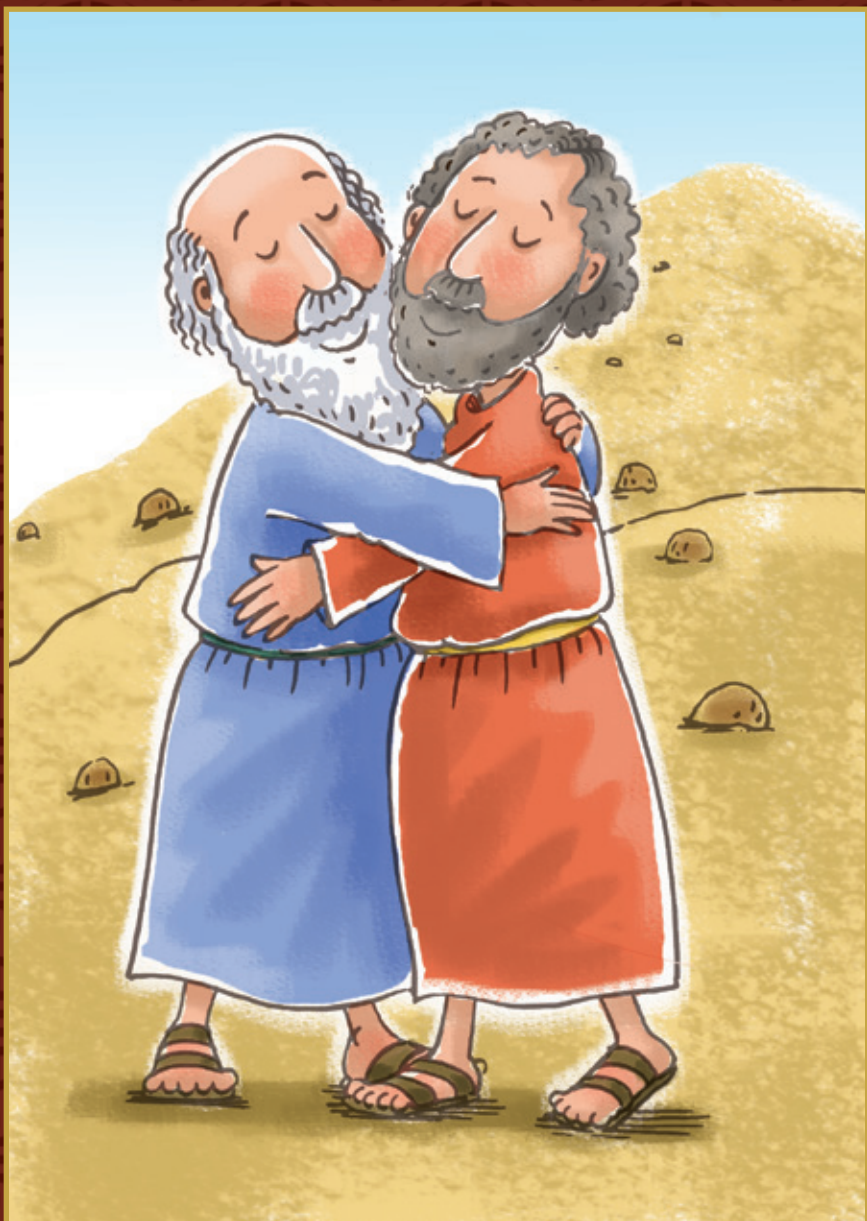
When the message gets to the end of the line, have the last child share what he or she heard. If the message has changed, the child who started the message can share the real message.

**ASK: What can you tell someone in your family this week to thank that person?**

**What can you do to show someone in your family love?**

**SAY: It's important to let our families know we're thankful for them. We can do that by telling, like we did in our game and like Aaron told the leaders God's message. Or we can show we're thankful, the way Moses showed the leaders God's miracles. When we show *and* tell our families that we love them, ➡ WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES.**





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**SAY:** Let's sing a song to remind us that ➡ **WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES.**

Form two groups. Have each group spread out across the room and line up facing each other. Children will sing ● "Thank You, God" (track 11) on the **CD** to the tune of "This Old Man." As they sing, lead kids in the motions below.

**SING:**

**Thank you, God.** (*Begin marching forward and point upward.*)

**I love you** (*cover your heart*),

**And I love my family, too.** (*Give other person a high five as you meet in the middle.*)

**Thank you, God, for everything you do.** (*Turn around in a circle, and begin marching back to the start line.*)

**My family sends a kiss to you!** (*Blow a kiss upward.*)

(*Repeat from the beginning.*)

Have children sing and march again if time allows.

**ASK:** What are some ways you and your family show love for each other?

What makes your family special?

**SAY:** Moses and Aaron were a special family because they helped each other do a special job for God. We can do things for God with our special families, too. ➡ **WE THANK GOD FOR OUR FAMILIES.**