

- 10 The child grew, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son.
She called his name: Moshe / He-Who-Pulls-Out; she said: For out of the water *meshitihu* / I-pulled-him.
- 11 Now it was some years later, Moshe grew up; he went out to his brothers and saw their burdens.
He saw an Egyptian man striking a Hebrew man, (one) of his brothers.
- 12 He turned this-way and that-way, and seeing that there was no man (there),
he struck down the Egyptian and buried him in the sand.
- 13 He went out again on the next day, and here: two Hebrew men scuffling!
He said to the guilty-one:
For-what-reason do you strike your fellow?
- 14 He said:
Who made you prince and judge over us?
Do you mean to kill me
as you killed the Egyptian?
Moshe became afraid and said:
Surely the matter is known!
- 15 Pharaoh heard of this matter and sought to kill Moshe.
But Moshe fled from Pharaoh's face and settled in the land of Midyan;
he sat down by a well.
- 16 Now the priest of Midyan had seven daughters;
they came, they drew (water) and they filled the troughs, to give-drink to their father's sheep.
- 17 Shepherds came and drove them away.
But Moshe rose up, he delivered them and gave-drink to their sheep.
- 18 When they came (home) to Re'uel their father, he said:
Why have you come (home) so quickly today?
- 19 They said:
An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew, yes, drew for us and watered the sheep.
- 20 He said to his daughters:
So-where-is-he?
For-what-reason then have you left the man behind?
Call him, that he may eat bread (with us)!
- 21 Moshe agreed to settle down with the man, and he gave Tzipora his daughter to Moshe.
- 22 She gave birth to a son,
and he called his name: Gershom / Sojourner There, for he said: A sojourner have I been in a foreign land.

10 וַיִּגְדַּל הַיֶּלֶד וַתְּבָאָהּ לְבַת-פַּרְעֹה וַיְהִי-
לָהּ לְבֵן וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ מֹשֶׁה וַתֹּאמֶר כִּי
מִן-הַמַּיִם מְשִׁיתִיּוֹ:

11 וַיְהִי אַחֲרָיו וַיִּירָא בְּסַבְלֹתָם וַיִּרָא אִישׁ מִצְרַיִם
מַכֵּה אִישׁ-עִבְרִי מֵאַחֲיוֹ: 12 וַיִּפֶן כֹּה וְכֹה
וַיִּירָא כִּי אֵין אִישׁ וַיִּךְ אֶת-הַמִּצְרַיִם
וַיִּטְמְנֵהוּ בַחֹל: 13 וַיֵּצֵא בַיּוֹם הַשֵּׁנִי וַהֲגִה
שְׁנֵי-אֲנָשִׁים עֹבְרִים נֹצִים וַיֹּאמֶר לְרִשֶׁע
לָמָּה תִּכֶּה רֵעִי: 14 וַיֹּאמֶר מִי שְׁמִי לְאִישׁ
שֶׁר וְשִׁפְטָ עָלֵינוּ הַלְהַרְגֵנִי אַתָּה אָמַר
כַּאֲשֶׁר הִרְגַת אֶת-הַמִּצְרַיִם וַיִּירָא מֹשֶׁה
וַיֹּאמֶר אָכֵן נֹדַע הַדָּבָר: 15 וַיִּשְׁמַע פַּרְעֹה
אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה וַיִּבְקֹשׁ לַהַרְג אֶת-מֹשֶׁה
וַיִּבְרַח מֹשֶׁה מִפְּנֵי פַרְעֹה וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאֶרֶץ
מִדְיָן וַיֵּשֶׁב עַל-הַבְּאֵר:

16 וּלְכַתֵּן מִדְיָן שִׁבְעַ בָּנוֹת וַתְּבָאָנָה
וַתִּדְלְגָה וַתִּמְלֵאנָה אֶת-הַרְהֵטִים
לְהַשְׁקוֹת צֹאן אֲבִיהֶן: 17 וַיָּבֹאוּ הָרֹעִים
וַיִּגְרְשׂוּם וַיִּקָּם מֹשֶׁה וַיּוֹשַׁעַן וַיִּשְׁק אֶת-
צֹאנָם: 18 וַתְּבָאָנָה אֶל-רְעוּאֵל אֲבִיהֶן
וַיֹּאמֶר מִדְּוַע מֵהֲרַתָּן בָּא הַיּוֹם:
19 וַתֹּאמְרֵן אִישׁ מִצְרַיִם הִצִּילֵנוּ מִיַּד
הָרֹעִים וְגַם-דָּלָה דָּלָה לָנוּ וַיִּשְׁק אֶת-
הַצֹּאן: 20 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-בָּנוֹתָיו וַאֲיוֹ לָמָּה זֶה
עֹזְבֹתֵן אֶת-הָאִישׁ קְרָאָן לוֹ וַיֹּאכֵל לֶחֶם:
21 וַיֹּאֲל מֹשֶׁה לְשִׁבְת אֶת-הָאִישׁ וַיִּתֵּן
אֶת-צִפּוֹרָה בִּתּוֹ לְמִשָּׁה: 22 וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן
וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ גֶרְשׁוֹם כִּי אָמַר גֵּר הָיִיתִי
בְּאֶרֶץ נְכַרִּיָּה: פ

HOW IS THIS LIKE US?

IDENTITY Who does Moshe identify with? How do others identify Moshe? Does his identity change during the passage?

ACTION What motivates Moshe to act? What are the obstacles to Moshe's accomplishing something through his action—obstacles inside him, inside others, in the world?

WHAT'S NEXT? Which land is Moshe referring to in verse 22? (It's ambiguous—make a case, or two!)

Moshe does not return to Egypt for many years. If you were writing a midrash, what would happen now with Moshe?