

# God *calling*



SETTING: A game show

PROPS: Door, table for panel, podium, applause sign

CHARACTERS: Narrator, Panelists 1-4, Moses, Jeremiah, Jonah, Isaiah, Samuel, Mary

NARRATOR: And now, live from (your town), America's favorite game show, the show that each week interviews a hero of faith and awards celebrity guests millions in prizes if they can guess the name of the mystery guest in ten guesses, "What's My Name?" (Hold up applause sign) I'm Wink Winkendale, these are our panelists, and let's meet our first mystery guests. Today we welcome five people who each heard God's call in a very special way. (Hold up applause sign. Moses, Jeremiah, Jonah, Samuel and Mary enter.) Let's welcome our Mystery Guests!

PANELIST 1: Welcome, Mystery Guests. May I ask your occupations?

MOSES: Uh, I was once a p-p-prince of Egypt, but now I guess I'm the I-I-leader of a bunch of whiners in the wilderness.

NARRATOR: Mystery Guest #2?

JEREMIAH: I was just a kid who God wanted to warn the nation.

JONIE: Me? I was just minding my own business when God suddenly gets this hair-brained idea I should go and tell Nineveh to repent. Ninevites! Yuck!

ISAIAH: I worked in the temple.

SAMUEL: Temple? I was a kid in a temple.

MARY: Kid? I was a pregnant teenager. (Applause)

NARRATOR: Next round. Panelist #2.

PANELIST 2: Okay. How did each of you receive your calls from God?

MOSES: That would be a burning bush. A bush told me I should set the people free.

JEREMIAH: I was called when I was still in my mother's womb. I wasn't even born.

JONIE: Me? I was just minding my own business when God suddenly gets this cock-eyed idea I should go and tell

Nineveh to repent. Ninevites! Yuck!

ISAIAH: I was working in the temple when I got my call. In a vision I saw God sitting on a throne and a voice cried, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

NARRATOR: Whom shall I send? Amazing? How about the rest of you? How did you receive your call? Guest #4?

SAMUEL: I've always belonged to God. My mother was really old when she had me, so she dedicated me to the Lord as soon as I was old enough. But one night I heard a voice calling out of the blue.

MARY: An angel told me.

NARRATOR: Okey dokey. Round three.

PANELIST 3: How did you each respond to your calls initially?

MOSES: Uh, I was r-r-rather reluctant. First I told God he picked the wrong g-g-guy. Then I told God no one would believe me. Then I told God I wasn't a good p-p-p-p-public speaker. Then I told God to please send someone else.

NARRATOR: Mystery Guest #2, did you have a similar experience with your call?

JEREMIAH: I sort of told God I was too young to do anything so important as to tell the whole country to repent.

NARRATOR: Mystery Guest #3?

JONIE: Me? I was just minding my own business when God suddenly gets this cock-a-mamy idea I should go and tell Nineveh to repent. So I did the only prudent thing a guy could do. I hopped the first bus to Tarshish.

PANELIST 3: Bus? You mean boat.

JONIE: Bus! Boat! What's the difference.

NARRATOR: We're running low on time. Mystery Guest #3.

ISAIAH: How did I respond? I told God, "I am a man of unclean lips. You don't want me talking to anybody about you. I got a bad reputation.

NARRATOR: Did anyone have any better response to God's call?

SAMUEL: I told God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (Applause)

NARRATOR: Was that your final answer?

SAMUEL: Yup. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (Applause)

MARY: I told God, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (Applause)

NARRATOR: Good answer. Good answer. (Applause) Last question. Panelist #4?

PANELIST 4: What finally happened with your callings? Did you follow them?

MOSES: God called me to set the people of Israel free and that's what I did. We became a mighty nation and through us, God blessed the world with the Savior. (Applause)

JEREMIAH: God called me to warn the people, so that's what I did. Some listened, some didn't. I did my job. That's all I could do. The rest was up to God. (Applause)

JONIE: I went to Tarshish and ended up in a whale of a mess. When I finally got to Nineveh, they repented and God didn't fry them. Too bad. Ninevites. Yuck! (Applause)

SAMUEL: I spoke up for God and anointed Israel's first kings, including David. (Applause)

ISAIAH: I was called to prophesy about a number of things, including: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace." I did. And she did! (Applause)

MARY: I let God use me to bring the Savior into the world, just like the man said. (Applause)

NARRATOR: (Music begins) Well, lookee here! We're out of time. We'll have to wait until next week for our celebrity panel to guess the identities of our mystery guests on America's favorite game show, (Hold up applause sign. Crowd cheers "What's My Name?")