

# Divine Teleprompter

*The Lord said to him, “Who placed a mouth on humans? Who makes a person mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say.” ~ Exodus 4:11-12*

## Discover the Context Exodus 4



It's okay if you don't know the answer to every question (campers can ask some really tricky ones). It's alright to say, “That's a great question! I don't know the answer, but let's talk to our chaplain or director about it later.” Remember to follow up. Sometimes questions are used as a distraction, so pray for discernment to know when it's a sincere search for truth and when it's designed to steer you off course.



Entering your devotional time each day in a posture of prayer is important. Begin by asking God to help you understand what you read and to let it change you. Carve out enough time so you don't need to rush through the readings and so you have comfortable time for prayer. Close by asking God to help you remember and apply what you've read.

There you are. All eyes fixed upon you. The room is silent. You are sweating profusely out of every pore in your body. Your heart and mind are racing as you think through what response to give to the question that was just thrown at you.

Ever find yourself in this situation? It happens a lot to camp staff—regardless of their position. *What if I don't know what to say?* Have you ever battled this fear?

God called you to camp this summer, and he will not leave you hanging. If God puts a camper in front of you, he is creating an opportunity for you to speak about Jesus, to provide truth and hope. He has intentionally put you there to respond. It doesn't matter if you're a new believer, haven't read the whole Bible, or don't attend Bible college. It doesn't matter if, like Moses, you struggle to speak in front of people. God can use your stutters, your fumbles, and your incomplete answers to speak to a child.

Of course, it can be scary. But the beautiful reality is that God doesn't need you to “be ready” or to “have arrived” in order to use you for his kingdom. God gives you what you need in each moment. He helps those he calls. It's been said that he rarely calls the qualified; he qualifies the called. Why would he do it that way? The answer is simple—so that it may be seen by all that it is God doing the work, not you. God gets the glory when he uses a young housekeeper, instead of the Bible teacher, to bring a camper to Christ.

This doesn't mean you don't need to prepare. Yes, study the word. Memorize Scripture. Practice giving your testimony and sharing the gospel. But remember that the Holy Spirit is living within believers and will give you the words he wants you to say.

So next time you are afraid, breathe a prayer for the Lord to guide you. Trust the divine teleprompter to give you his words, and speak! (MAM)