



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHEMOT: WISE WORDS!

This week's parasha introduces us to **Moshe**. **Moshe** was the greatest leader of the Jewish people and led them out of slavery in Egypt to receive the **Torah** at **Mt. Sinai**.



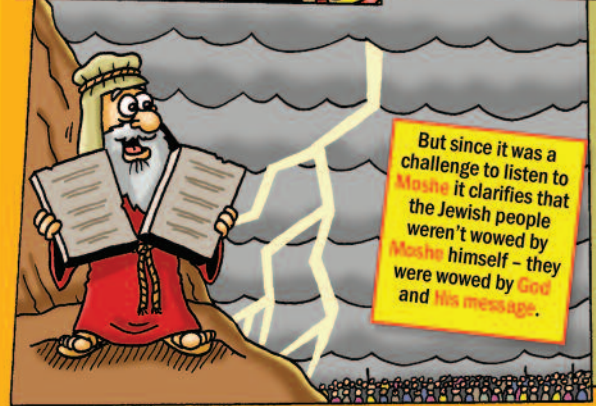
I WISH WE COULD HAVE MET **MOSHE**. HE MUST HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL TEACHER AND LEADER. IMAGINE IF WE HAD HEARD HIM SPEAK OR TEACH **TORAH** - HOW AWESOME WOULD THAT BE?

YOU'RE RIGHT DINA - **MOSHE** WAS INDEED AN AMAZING LEADER AND TEACHER. BUT YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT HIM BEING A GREAT SPEAKER.

IN FACT, THE TORAH TELLS US **MOSHE** SPOKE WITH DIFFICULTY - HE WASN'T A WORLD CLASS PUBLIC SPEAKER. **MOSHE** WAS A RELUCTANT LEADER AND HE DIDN'T THINK HE WAS GOOD ENOUGH.

**GOD** TOLD **MOSHE** - YOU'RE THE MAN FOR THE JOB! I WILL BE WITH YOU AND I WILL HELP YOU.

OUR **RABBIS** EXPLAIN TO US THAT **MOSHE'S** SPEECH DIFFICULTY HAD BENEFITS. IF **MOSHE** HAD BEEN A FANTASTIC ORATOR PEOPLE COULD CLAIM THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE JUST BLOWN AWAY BY A REALLY CHARISMATIC SPEAKER AND DIDN'T REALLY ACCEPT THE **TORAH**.



But since it was a challenge to listen to **Moshe** it clarifies that the Jewish people weren't wowed by **Moshe** himself - they were wowed by **God** and **His** message.

WOW THAT'S INCREDIBLE! **GOD** CHOSE A LEADER WHO HAD DIFFICULTIES. WHAT A GREAT EXAMPLE AND MESSAGE TO US THAT WE DON'T NEED TO BE PERFECT IN ORDER TO BE **AMAZING!**



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