# STRANGER GOD

# **yes6no** 1. For the most part, magicians are just illusionists.

- 2. People who do magic tricks weird me out!
- 3. TV magicians utilize spiritualism to perform their tricks.
- 4. My own conversion experience involved signs from God that cannot be explained away as coincidence.
- 5. God provides fewer signs today than He has provided in biblical times.

# **GOD'S MAGICAL INTRODUCTION**



To serve as "signs" of Yahweh's authenticity, God instructed Moses to do three things: 1) Throw down his staff and turn it into a snake; 2) Make his hand leprous and heal it again; 3) Collect Nile water and pour it on the dry ground, turning the water to blood. [Exodus 4:1-9]

- Why do you think God chose these three signs as proof of His existence?
- What do you think the *staff-to-serpent* sign represented?
- What do you think the *leprous hand to healed hand* represented?
- Why might the *Nile to blood* be the ultimate convincer?
- The first two signs return to their original state. What need might this serve?

# EGYPT'S MAGICIANS RESPOND IN KIND

READ Exodus 7:10-12 & 7:20-22

• In both of these cases, the magicians were able to replicate the signs. Why do you think God gave signs that could be duplicated by the Egyptians?

### **ACTION AT A DISTANCE**

- In the staff and water signs, according to the text, when does the transformation take place?
- Why would this be an important feature to note?





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# dig deep continued...

### WHAT SIGNS MIGHT GOD EMPLOY TODAY TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF?

- The serpent: What seems to be the most powerful "god" in today's society?
- The leprous hand: What are some things that society considers "unchangeable?"
- *Nile to blood:* What ultimate sign of God's authoritative power do we possess today? How is it received by the world today?
  - Can we display this sign differently than we have in the past?

# embrace life

### TALK WITH GOD THIS WEEK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1. What "signs" has God already given me to prove who He is?
- 2. How do the signs we studied this week help me see a different aspect of the character of God?
- 3. What aspects of society cause me to doubt the existence of God?