

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Moses & the Burning Bush (Exodus 3-4)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Exodus: 4: 1-17

Then Moses answered, 'But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, "The Lord did not appear to you."' The Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.' And he said, 'Throw it on the ground.' So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail'—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— 'so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.'

Again, the Lord said to him, 'Put your hand inside your cloak.' He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, 'Put your hand back into your cloak'—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— 'If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.'

But Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.' But he said, 'O my Lord, please send someone else.' Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, 'What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. You shall speak to him and put the words in

his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.'

Activity: Choose to Believe

Theme: We can do anything with God's help

Supplies: None

Lesson:

Have you ever been asked to do something that you felt you couldn't do?

What reasons did you give for not doing it? (let children respond)

In our story today, God's people are slaves in Egypt, but God has a plan to set them free. You remember Moses, the Egyptian prince that fled and is not a shepherd in Midian.

One day, Moses was out with his sheep when he saw a strange light, it was a bush on fire, but this bush wasn't burning up. Suddenly, Moses heard God's voice speaking from the flames.

Let's read the bible verses to see what happened...

Sounds like God had a big job for Moses. If you were Moses, how would you feel? *(Let Children respond)*

Moses gave lots of reasons not to go back to Egypt, but God promised Moses that he would be with him.

Sometimes God asks us to do things that might be hard for us, but in the end they bring Him the most glory. It might be something like being kind to your brother or sister. Sometimes it's hard to obey God, but He always gives us the strength to do what He's asked us to do!

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father; thank you for watching over me like you looked on your people in ancient times. Help me to trust in you and to follow your ways... Amen

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Video: PursueGod Kids: Burning Bush https://youtu.be/lue3Z_TAAzc

God calls on Moses to bring his people out of Egypt, using his own version of a "hotline".

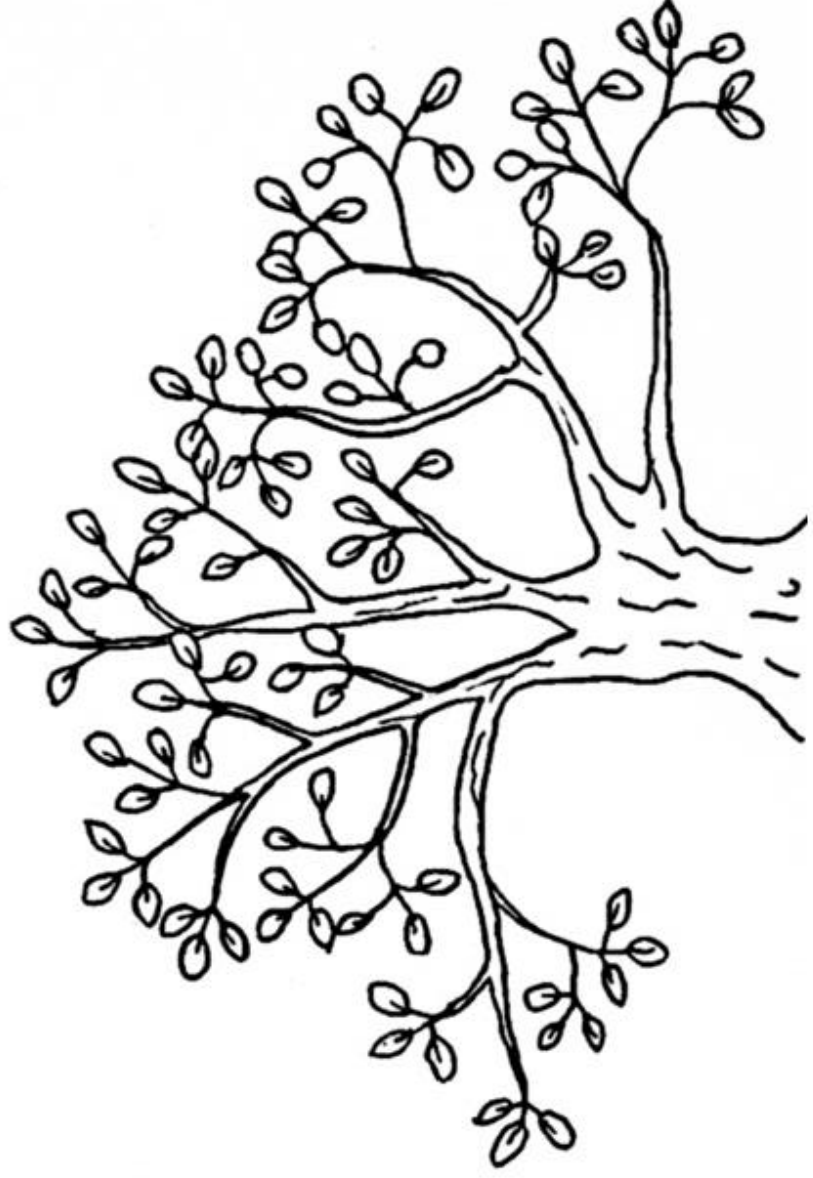
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Craft: Burning Bush

Supplies: Watered down paint, drinking straws

Directions: Before class, put some water color paints in small cups and dilute them so the paint will easily run. In class, pass out a Bush craft page to each child. Begin by placing a drop of paint on the paper, then the child uses the straw to blow the paint along the paper. Once done, repeat the process to create a unique picture of the burning bush.





'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you". Exodus 3: 15



God appeared before Moses as a burning bush.

Moses & the Burning Bush

Exodus 3

Guide Moses back to Egypt

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