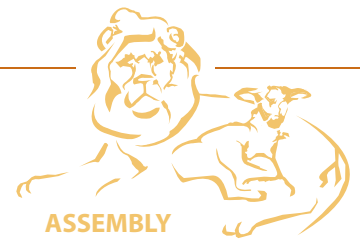


## GOD CALLED MOSES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 3-4



*This story is fairly easy for the children to understand if read from the NIV. Read the story from Exodus 3:1-15. The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

## LESSON IDEAS

### PUPPET SHOW

Explaining the name of God – this is designed to help the children understand that God is not like us. He is Holy and even His name is different.

Teacher: Moses said, "If they ask me, 'what, is His name?' then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am.' This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you."

Puppet: (Interrupting) I am? What kind of name is I am?

Teacher: It is the name God wanted Moses to use.

Puppet: "I am" is not a name. Harry or John or Fred are names. I am? That is not a name, it is a statement like I was. Can you imagine your mom calling out, "I am, time to come in." No one would get it.

Teacher: You don't understand, Puppet. God is not like us. Any ordinary name would not be big enough to describe God. "I am" is a name that never ends. "I am" is never over, never complete. Why, "I am" stands for always. You see God is bigger than words can describe. That is why he said "I am."

Puppet: I guess I forgot that God is Holy and so much different than I am, I mean than me is. Oh, never mind.

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### HOLY GROUND

God said to Moses, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

- Do you think that Moses would have taken his sandals off quickly or slowly? (Quickly)
- Why did God want Moses to take off his sandals? (Because God was Holy and Moses needed to show respect. Moses was a sinner and should not walk with his dirty shoes over the ground where God was present.)

Use the illustration of brand new carpet and muddy shoes to help the children understand that Moses was unclean and his feet were unclean.

Ask the children: "Who thinks they could take off their shoes the quickest?" Pick four volunteers and have them line up in two rows of two. Have two children compete at the same time. When you say "Go" have them slowly walk forward. At some point tell them to stop for the ground they are walking on is Holy ground. Then tell them to take off their shoes. See who takes their shoes off fastest. Repeat this game with the second pair of children.

The children are likely to have fun and laugh. Ask them if they think Moses laughed when God had him take off his shoes. Explain to them that God was not playing any games and that apart from God's grace Moses would have been killed in God's presence.



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### Where Is Jesus?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Amazingly the writer of Hebrews tells us that Moses saw Christ in his choice to forsake Egypt and identify with his people, the Israelites. God gave grace to Moses to see a future plan of God where all the earthly treasures of Egypt would be meaningless.

Moses was called by God to deliver Israel from the oppression of Egypt. Like Jesus, Moses was to go to a reluctant people demonstrating the power of God through miraculous signs. At the burning bush, Moses became God's spokesman to reveal the will and plan of God to His people. Ultimately, Jesus became the perfect mediator between us and God. Through the Bible, His Word, He reveals the plan of God to us.

