

GOD CALLED MOSES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 3-4



The STORY

Read "God Calls Moses" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (page 62).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What is this story about? (The story is about God calling Moses to deliver Israel from the Egyptians.)
- What did Moses see? (A burning bush that did not burn up.)
- What does it mean to deliver the Israelites? (To rescue them from the Egyptians who were treating the Israelites as slaves and forcing them to do their work.)
- Did Moses think he would be able to do this job? (No, he didn't think he could do it and he didn't think the people would believe him when he told them God sent him to deliver Israel.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Moses watching the burning bush. Engage the children by asking:

- What color should the bush be if it is not burning up? (Green)
Have the children color the bush green.
- What color are the flames? (Yellow and Orange)
Have the children color the flames.
- What did Moses take off his feet? (Sandals)
Have the children draw a pair of sandals off to the side.
- Why did God ask Moses to take off his sandals? (God told him the ground was holy. Taking his sandals off was one way that Moses could show his respect for the power and holiness of God.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- What do you think the burning bush looked like? (Accept any answer.)
- What would you do if you saw a bush burning, but it was not being burned up? (Accept any answer.)
- What did the Lord do to Moses' staff? (He used it in miraculous signs like turning it into a snake.)
- Why did God give these miraculous signs to Moses? (So that the people he spoke to could see them and believe.)

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.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

