

GOD TALKS TO MOSES

Exodus 3:1-22

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¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your

fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴God 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.’”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

¹⁶“Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

¹⁸“The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.’ ¹⁹But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. ²⁰So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

²¹“And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. ²²Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What happened while Moses was tending his flock in the desert?
5		2.) How did God want to use Moses? (Verse 10)
5		3.) What did Moses say to God? (Verse 11)
5		4.) Why do you think God chose Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“... you may love the Lord your God, <i>listen</i> to His voice, and hold fast to Him...”</p> <p>Deuteronomy 30:20</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BURNING BUSHES

Students will make a “burning bush” to remind them of how God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Burning Bush Pattern
3. Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
4. Scissors
5. Paper Brads



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Burning Bush” pattern onto 67lb cardstock for each student.
2. Have the students color the bush with green and brown.
3. Have students color the flames according to the key in the center. (Y=yellow, R= red, O=orange)
4. Allow students to cut out both parts on the solid black lines.
5. Place the “flames” behind the bush and press a paper brad through both black dots.
6. Allow students to make the bush “burn” by spinning the flames.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their “burning bushes” remind them of how God spoke to Moses from the burning bush. Though Moses was hesitant to go before Pharaoh, God promised to be with him. Help students realize that God does not ask you to do things that he is not willing to equip you to do.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

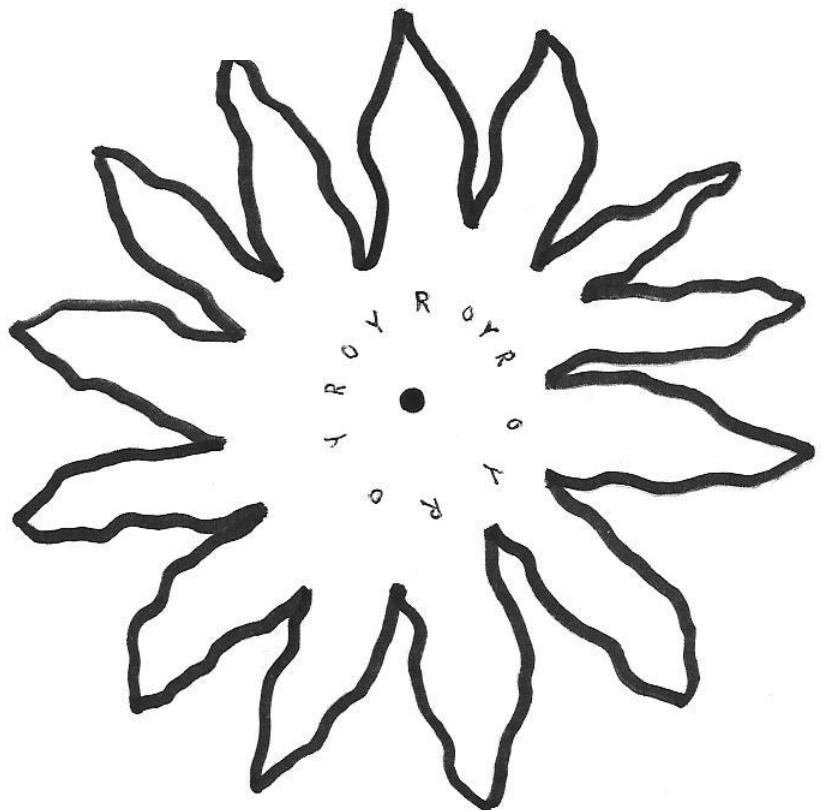
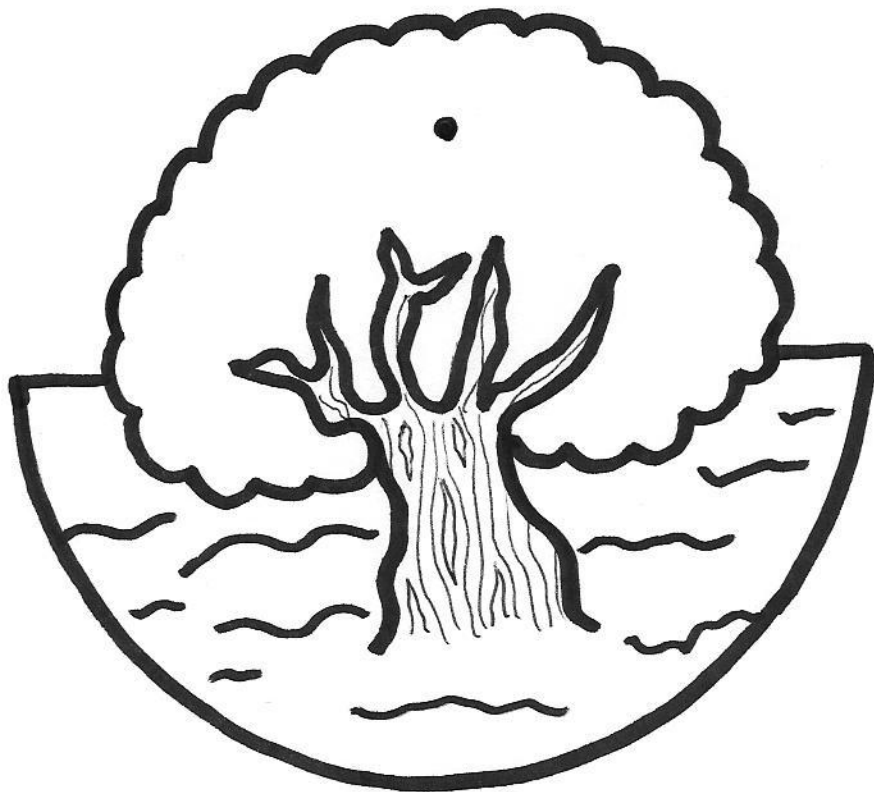
MEMORY VERSE

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BURNING BUSH PATTERN

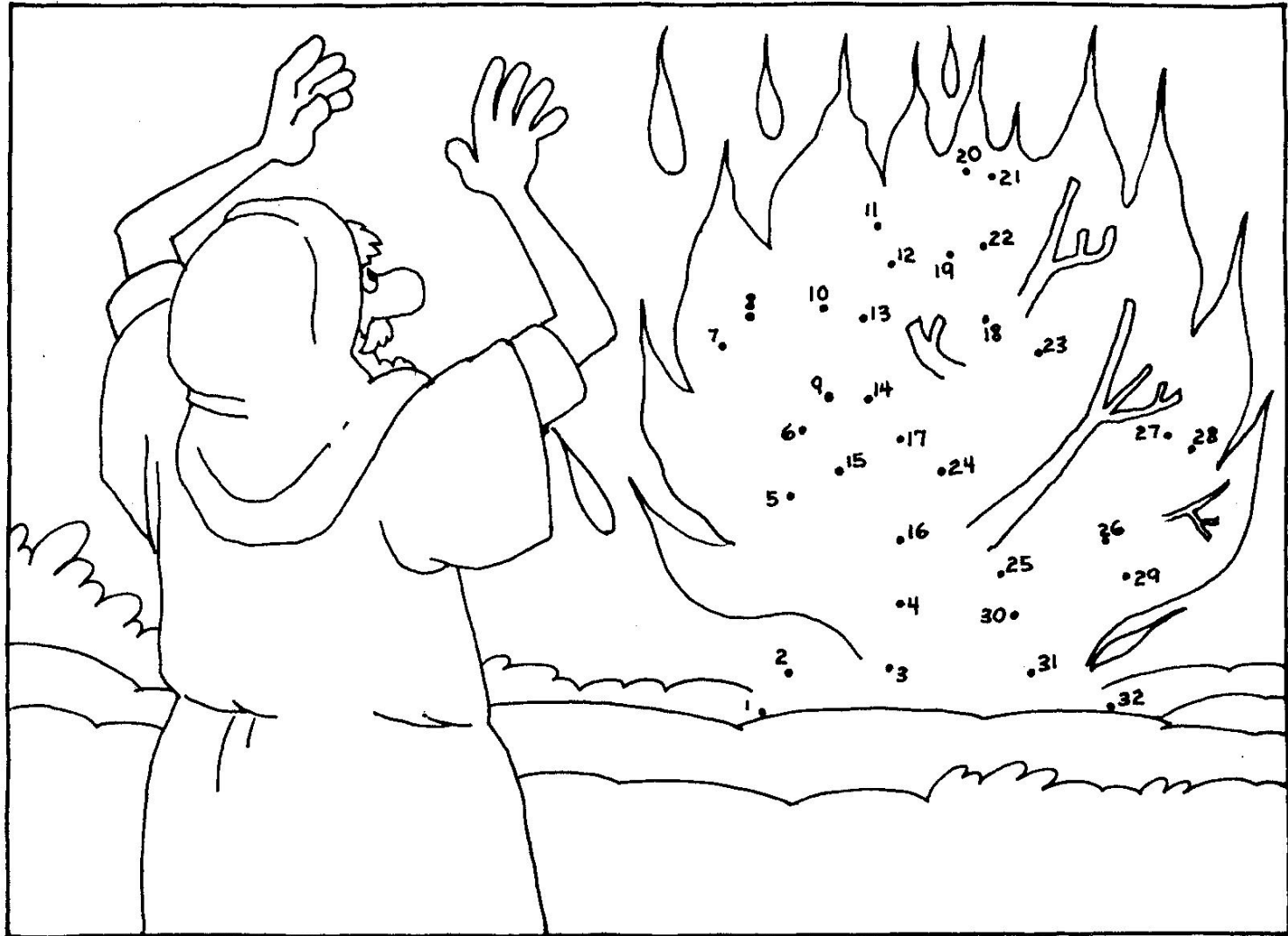


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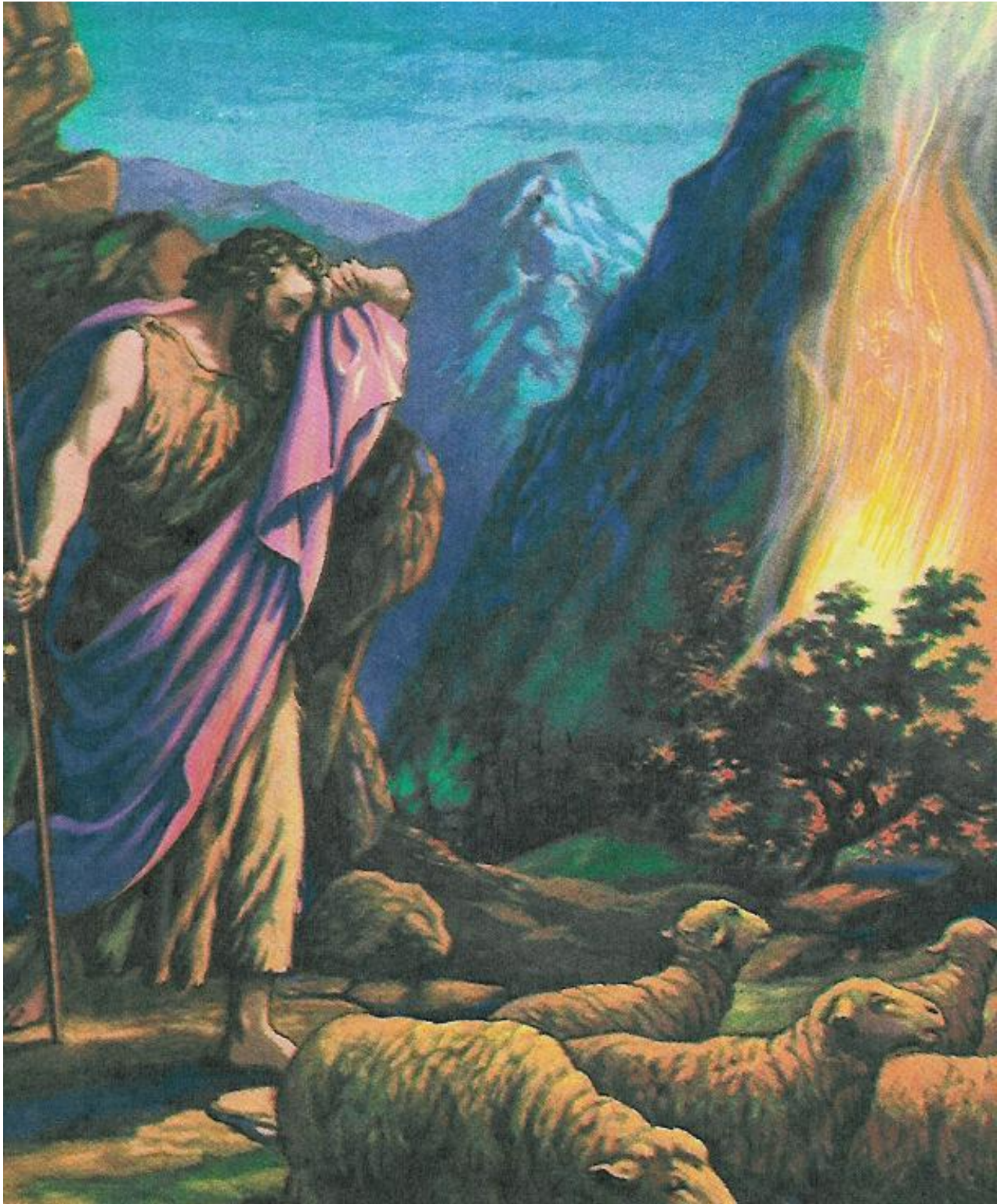
Connect the dots to see what Moses is looking at.

One day
God spoke
to Moses
from a
burning
bush. It
burned and
burned, but
never
burned up.
God gave
Moses a
very special
job to do.



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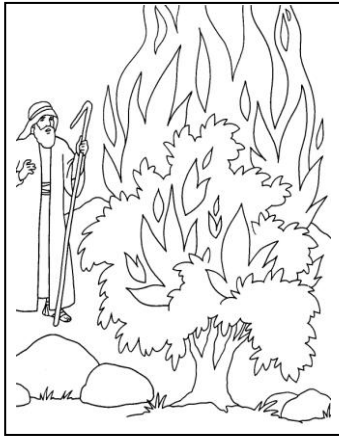


God speaks to Moses from a burning bush

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON EXODUS 3:1-22

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God decided to use Moses to help his people escape from Egypt.

One day, Moses was taking care of his father-in-law's flocks. God appeared to him from inside of a burning bush!

Even though the bush was on fire, it did not burn up. Moses went over to see why the bush was not burning up.

God called to Moses from inside the bush. "Moses! Moses! Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals. The place where you are standing is holy ground," said God.

God told Moses that he had heard the cries of the Israelites living in Egypt. God knew that they were being treated badly. God wanted them to live in a special land that he had chosen for them. Then God said, "I am sending you, Moses, to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. I will be with you."

God told Moses to talk to the elders of Israel. They would listen to him.

God also told Moses that Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go easily. Ten bad things would have to happen to the Egyptians before Pharaoh would let the Israelites leave Egypt.

For additional details about this story, please read Exodus 3:1-22 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened while Moses was caring for the flocks in the desert?
2. What did God say to Moses?
3. What would have to happen before Pharaoh would let the Israelites leave Egypt?
4. Why do you think God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

MEMORY VERSE

"... you may love the Lord your God, *listen* to His voice, and hold fast to Him..." Deuteronomy 30:20

FINISH THE PICTURE



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God spoke to Moses about his plan for him.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Moses obeyed God. Play “*Simon Says*” with your child. See if he/she can obey too!

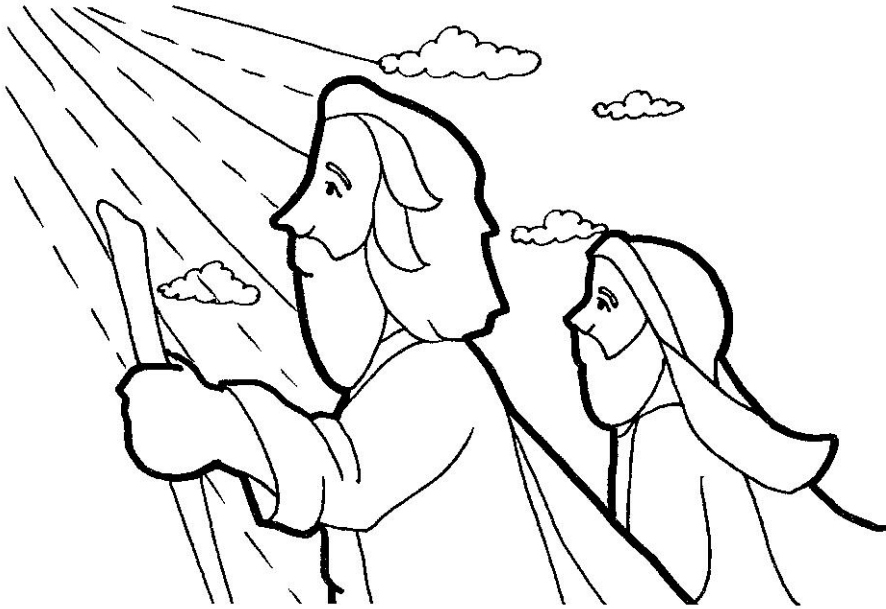
Bible Story Mini Book

God Talks to Moses

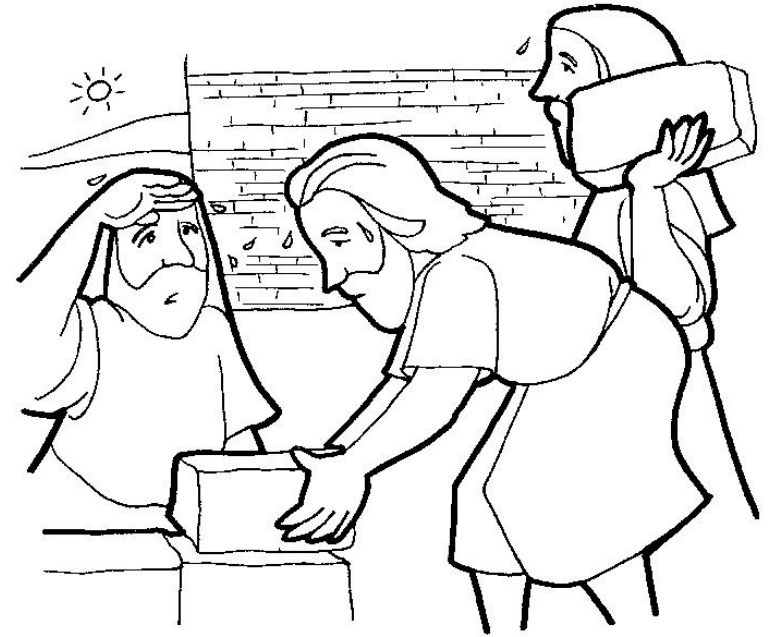


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Colored by: _____



Moses obeyed God and
went with Aaron to talk
to the king.



The king made the
Israelites slaves. They
did hard work.

Memory Verse

“...love the Lord you God...”
Deuteronomy 30:20

Bible Story Rhyme

Moses saw a bush ablaze,
(Wiggle all fingers in front of your chest)

He couldn't turn his eyes away.
(Wave pointer finger left to right and then touch an eye)

God was speaking from the plant,
(Point to mouth)

Moses told the Lord, “I can’t.”
(Wave pointer finger left to right)



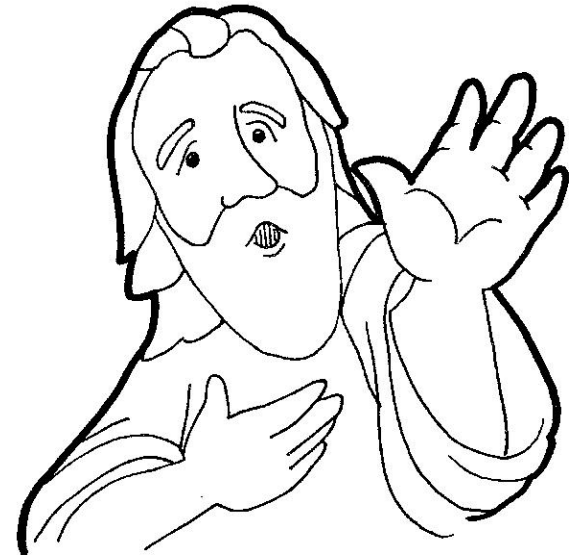
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a burning bush. God told
him to take off his
sandals.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



God wanted Moses to help the Israelites. Moses said the people might not listen to him.

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Moses took care of sheep in the desert. One day, God spoke to him from a burning bush. God said, "Go to Egypt. Tell Pharaoh to let my people go. You will lead them to the land I will give them." Moses was afraid to go back to Egypt. "I will be with you," God said. "I know that Pharaoh will not let you take the Israelites away, so I will send troubles to him. Finally, he will let you go."

What did this fearful shepherd become when he traveled to Egypt? To find out, solve the puzzle below about sheep. Then write the letters in the boxes on the blanks.

the white stuff that covers a sheep

what a sheep sees with

It hangs down behind the sheep.

A sheep's nose is on it.

A sheep stands on four of these.

what the sheep hears with

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The fearful shepherd became a strong _____ of the Israelites. He led them out of Egypt, across the desert, and to the border of the Promised Land.

Read Hebrews 11:27. Moses left Egypt by _____.

Who was the invisible one he trusted? _____

Sometimes we are afraid to do what we know God wants us to do. God will always help us do right. You must remember this when it is hard for you to obey God.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: fan, red and orange streamers, tape

Say: Do you remember how the Lord asked Moses to take off his sandals when he was in front of the burning bush? Today we are going to pretend to be Moses. Let's walk around the room. When the fire is going, you must take off your shoes.

Lay the fan on the ground and tape on red and orange streamers to the front grill. Let the children walk around for bit before turning on the fan. Then say, **"Take off your shoes, Moses. The ground you are standing on is holy."** Then the children must take off their shoes. Turn the fan off and have the children put their shoes back on. Repeat a couple of times.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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