

The Story of Moses: The Burning Bush

LESSON #3

TEACHER'S GUIDE

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Moses needed to be brave and depend on God

Key Question: Why don't we need to be afraid?

Memory Verse: So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear." **Hebrews 13:6**

Overview: Today, we're continuing in our series about the life of Moses. We've already learned about his birth. He was born during a difficult time in history for the Jewish people. They were slaves in Egypt with no hope. Moses' parents put Moses in a basket and floated him down the river in hopes of saving his life. We learned that God had a plan to rescue his people and he was going to do it through a little boy named Moses. Last week, we learned what happened after Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter. She adopted him and raised him as her own son. He was treated like a prince and he had the best of everything. But, Moses never forgot where he came from. He knew he was Jewish and he was aware of how his people were being treated by Pharaoh. He decided he had to do something about it. Today, we're going to learn about a strange twist in the story. Moses was kicked out of Egypt because of a crime he committed! How could he rescue his people if he wasn't welcome in Egypt anymore? Don't worry,, God still had a plan. Moses ended up working as a shepherd. One day, while Moses was out with the sheep, he saw a bush on fire in the distance. As he drew near, he noticed that the bush wasn't burning up and suddenly a voice called out his name! It was God appearing to Moses! God told him that he had a plan for how Moses was going to rescue his people he left behind in Egypt. Moses was scared but he chose to trust and depend on God.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** What's the craziest thing you've ever seen? Share the details (circus trick, something at the zoo, a crazy stunt on youtube)

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [James 1:5-6](#). What do these verses tell us to do when we're in need? Why is it important to totally trust God when we come to him in prayer?

10 min **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- What will you do the next time you're faced with something hard?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: It's fun to see crazy, miraculous things. God sure put on a show for Moses when he appeared to him in a fiery bush!

Answer: Because, God is always with us.

Isn't that great news?! We don't have to be afraid because God promises to be with us. The Bible says that he will never leave us or forget about us. He loves us and he has big plans for each of our lives. Our job is to listen and obey him. That's what Moses had to do. Even though he was scared, he knew God would be with him every step of the way.

Bonus Questions: How does that make you feel to know that God is always with you? How can knowing that help you the next time you're scared?

4-5th: What do you think Moses was thinking when God appeared to him in the bush? What would you be thinking if that happened to you?

Wisdom is just a fancy way for asking for help. When we're in trouble or are faced with something hard, these verses are telling us to come to God in prayer. God cares about us and always wants to help. But, when we come to God, we need to trust that he knows what's best. It doesn't do any good to pray and ask for help and then do what we want anyways. When we ask God for help, we need to stop and wait for God to show us the way.

Allow each kid to share. Encourage kids to pray and ask God for help!

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

Option #1

Burning Bush Ball Toss

- Tape two lines at one end of the room
- Place a trash can (**add some red paper flames to make it look like a burning bush**) far enough away from the lines to be challenging, but not impossible
- Divide the class into two teams and have them line up behind each line
- Ask each team a question from below. If they get it right, the first person in line gets to toss the wad/bag into the can. If they make it, their team gets 5 points. If they miss, no points are given and that person goes to the back of the line
- Team with highest points wins

Questions:

1. Who are we learning about in this series? (Moses)
2. What did God use to reveal himself to Moses? (burning bush)
3. True or False: The bush burned up (F)
4. What is the Big Idea today? (see Teacher Notes)
5. Was Moses Jewish or Egyptian? (Jewish)
6. Why did Moses want to save the Jews? (slaves in Egypt, mistreated)
7. What is the memory verse today? (see Teacher Notes)
8. Is the story of Moses in the OT or NT? (OT)
9. True or False: Moses was scared to carry out God's plan (T)
10. Who died for our sins? (Jesus)

Supplies needed

- tape
- trash can
- red construction paper for flames (optional)
- paper wads/ball/bean bags

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Find the Book in the Bible** game

Have kids get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books: Exodus, Joshua, Jude

Option #2

Paper Burning Bush

- Give each kid a half sheet of green construction paper.
- Give each kid a pre cut piece of brown construction paper
- Give each kid a pre cut saying template (**pg 5**)
- Have kids cut the green piece to fit the top half of the plate
- Then have them glue the green piece to the plate and the brown piece below the green piece. (see image below) Then, glue the sayings template onto the brown piece
- Give kids some red and yellow tissue paper and have them rip them up into small pieces
- Have them glue the pieces to the green paper to make it look like fire
- As they work, remind them that God spoke to Moses through the burning bush and told Moses of his great plan to save the Jews.



Supplies needed

- green construction paper, half sheet, one per kid
- brown construction paper, pre cut rectangles (4 in x 2 in), one per kid
- saying template (pg 5), one per kid, pre cut
- yellow and red tissue paper
- glue
- scissors

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**.

Words or Phrases: burning bush, God had a plan, slavery

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KID AND PARENT GUIDE

[Online @ pursueGOD.org/kids](http://Online@pursueGOD.org/kids)

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Moses went from living like a _____ to living like a pauper.
2. God spoke to Moses through the _____.
3. Moses needed to be _____ and _____ on God.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. What's the craziest thing you've ever seen? Share the details (circus trick, something at the zoo, a crazy stunt on youtube)
2. What would you do if you came upon something on fire? Would you get closer to check it out or run away?
3. Why do you think God chose to appear to Moses in a burning bush?
4. Have you ever had to do something hard or scary and needed God's help to do it? Explain.
5. Read [James 1:5-6](#). What do these verses tell us to do when we're in need? Why is it important to totally trust God when we come to him in prayer?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

So we can say with confidence, "the Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear."

Hebrews 13:6

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Psalm 34:4](#). Share a time you were afraid and God helped you.
- Read [Isaiah 41:13](#). Why don't we need to be afraid?
- Read [Psalm 46:1](#). Why should we turn to God in times of trouble?

Parent Signature _____

Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith in the [Foundations for Kids](#) series.



PUZZLE #1

Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Exodus 3:1-15



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GOD	MOSES	GROUND	BURN	SIGHT

BIG IDEA →

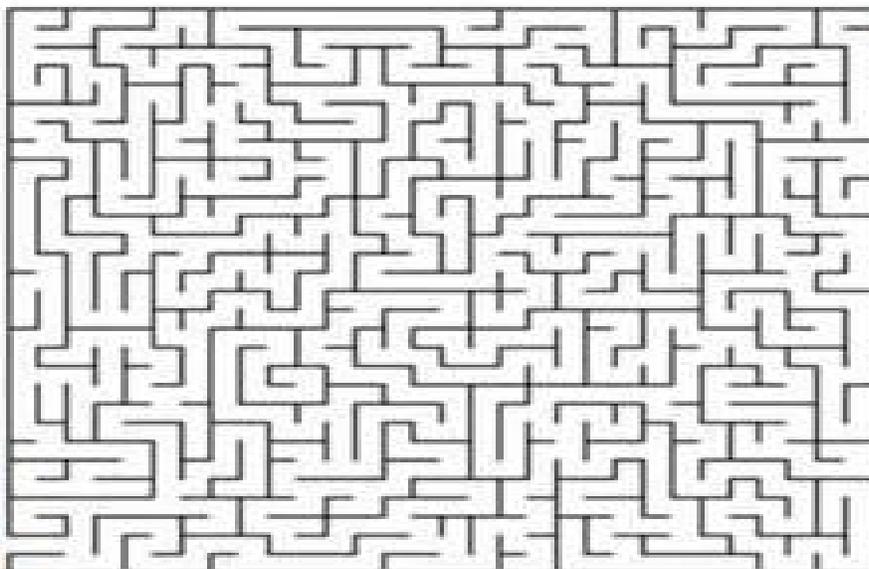
KEY QUESTION →

MEMORY VERSE →

PUZZLE #2

Moses and the Burning Bush

Help Moses fight the burning bush.



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