



3RD-5TH GRADE

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DATE

A Journey Home—Week 3

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 2-4
(Pg. 65-69 in the Adventure Bible)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Kids will stop and listen to what God says about them.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Play games and hang out (10 minutes)
Large Group (30 minutes)
Small Group (20 minutes)
Video/Song Review (10 minutes)

tips

Engage kids in a specific activity from the moment they walk into the door. Help them find something to color, build, or pretend. This will help each kid feel valued and included, especially if they are a little nervous.

check-in/out

During check-out, meet a parent or two. Tell them something that you really love about their kid (and then watch them beam with happiness).

large group heads up

During large group, kids will be told the story of Moses. Help kids think about how God stepped in and gave Moses a new identity in God's special family.



instructions

Start with the **CONNECT** questions below. These will give you great insight into the kids' week. During this time it is a great idea to have other kids practice listening well instead of just waiting for their turn to talk. If someone tells the group about a difficult situation, ask the group, "has anyone else ever gone through that before, what helped you?"

During the **ACTIVITY**, have kids tell specific things they do to try to impress others. For girls, it could be that they talk about other people (gossip). For guys, it could be that they try dangerous physical activities.

QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- What was the best part of your week?
- What was the worst part of your week?
- Is there anything that you are excited about? Is there anything that you are worried about?

REVIEW

- What did Moses think about himself?
- What did God think about Moses?

RELATE

- What do other people think about you?
- How does God see you?
- If God asked you to go do something big like Moses, what would you say?
- Can you think of a time that you thought you had to act differently to get others to like you? How do you think that made God feel? How did you feel when you were doing it?
- If you needed to tell someone about yourself, who would you say you are?
- Can you name a place that you feel completely comfortable...like you can be yourself?

ACTIVITY—FILL IN THE BLANK

Use the **poster** provided to guide your activity. Have the small group leader fill in the blanks with kid's answers.

The poster has the following blanks:

I like to be seen as:

People would describe me as:

If I had a personal "brand" it would be:

Ask: If you want people to see you a certain way, how does that change the way you act? Do you talk about other people to impress more popular kids? Do you do things you know are not allowed?

Challenge: If you trusted God to teach you who you are, instead of other people, it would significantly change the way you act around others. This week take a break from trying to impress others or be seen a certain way.

Ask: What does that look like for you? How will you remember to take a break from trying to impress other people?

QUESTIONS FOR TELL THE STORY

Ask: If God wanted to speak to you through a burning bush, what might he say? You can use your burning bush hand to answer.

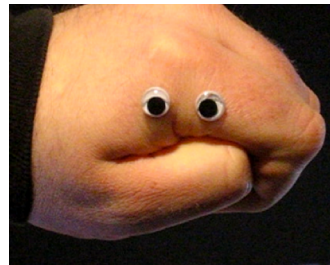
Ask: Who do you try to impress or “show off” for? If you stopped doing that for this week, what would happen?

Ask: Who do you wish would pay more attention to you? What makes their approval so important to you?

ACTIVITY—TELL THE STORY

Say: Moses went about his life thinking that he was not a good speaker. God had a plan for Moses to rescue God’s Special Family. The conversation they had at the burning bush changed the course of Moses’ life. Today we are going to tell the story of the burning bush and Moses, using our hands as the characters.

Give each kid two sticker-backed googly eyes. Have them make one hand into Moses.



Then, have them color the other hand like a burning bush (use green, red, and yellow).

Take turns telling the story of what happened at the burning bush by having their hands talk to each other. Here are some details that you may want to include:

- God told Moses to take off his shoes because the ground that he was standing on was holy.
- God said that he listened to his people crying out for help, and wanted to send Moses.
- Moses asked if God could send someone else. Moses said that he couldn’t speak well.
- God told Moses that he could be trusted, and that there would be miracles that would prove that God was there.

special notes

Be sure to get all of your props in order before you begin to teach the lesson, nothing makes the kids lose focus faster than a long pause to get organized.

presenter tips

God loves us no matter what. Today the main point is for kids to understand that they do not have to do anything to earn God's love. He's a good dad that loves all of his kids.

script

WELCOME

Hey everyone, it's wonderful to have you all here today. We are all one big family here, part of God's Special Family. And, like many families we have stories to discover from our past. Let's take a look at a video that will help us discover more about our family.

VIDEO—ATTIC

Play Attic Video: The kid discovers an old report card, trophy, and graduation cap. (:30)

Very interesting. I know that people in our family have tried really hard to win awards or get other people to say we did a good job. Sometimes I've even been scared to try something new because I'm afraid that other people will see me mess up. I have a really hard time if someone tells me that I've done something wrong. I know someone else who was like this. His name is Moses. Let's take a few minutes to check out his story.

VIDEO—MOSES

God's Story: Moses (about 4 Minutes)

Wow, Moses had a very special role in God's family, but it didn't really seem like he was special at all in the beginning.

PROP REVIEW

I'm going to tell the story of Moses again, and I may need some help from you! When I point to you, yell out what I am holding up to help me tell the story. Are you ready to practice?

Moses' mom put him in a _____ (presenter holds up a **basket**, and points to the kids). Good job! Now remember, just say the word so that you can listen for the next part of the story.



script continued

God's Special Family lived in a place called Egypt. The king of Egypt was called Pharaoh and he didn't like how God's Special Family kept growing. So, he ordered all of the _____ (**hold up baby**) boys be killed when they were born. What a very mean king!

Moses' mom put him in a _____ (**hold up basket**) to save him. The princess found him, and Moses got to live.

Later, Moses ran away. Then, he saw a burning _____ (**hold up bush**). It was special because it was not burning up. Moses talked to God. God asked him to go and talk to Pharaoh to save God's Special Family.

Moses said no. He couldn't speak well, and it scared him to go talk to Pharaoh. But, in the end, God sent Moses' brother to help, and Moses trusted God. Because Moses trusted God, God's Special Family didn't have to keep being slaves.

WE ARE LIKE MOSES, AND WE GET THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE

Our family is like Moses because we all get nervous that we will mess up or disappoint others. Like that report card we saw earlier in the video, I would hate to disappoint my parents by not making a good grade, and when I do make a good grade, I want everyone to know about it.

(Show trophy on the screen.) You know when we saw the trophy in the video? That reminds me that I want to get awards and tell the world how great I am sometimes. Now I have a question for you, shake your head yes or no to answer. **(Whisper.)** Don't say a word. Do you think that God loves us any more if we win a trophy? Shake your head to answer. Do you think that God loves you less if you don't win a trophy? No way. God loves us completely; we don't have to do anything perfectly for him.

In fact, God says in the Bible that he loves us no matter what. Let's take a look at what it says (show verse on screen):

God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. Ephesians 2: 8-9

Ohhhhhhh, I love gifts, don't you? **(Hold up a small, wrapped gift.)**

Do you have to buy your own gifts? Do you have to earn them? Do you have to do anything to get a gift? Nope! A true gift is free to you, even though it may have cost the person giving it a lot of money. And all you have to do is receive it. God's love for us is like a very expensive gift. We get to receive it. We don't have to do anything to earn it. And, it's the very best thing that we could ever get!



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THREE KIDS EXAMPLE—WE CAN'T EARN GOD'S LOVE

I need three volunteers to help me for this next part. I always choose kids who are sitting down, being good listeners. ***(Choose three kids from the audience. Put a baseball hat on one, a pair of glasses on another, and a camouflage vest/jacket on the other.)***

I have three kids up here. They may be kids that you know. Here is kid one (***baseball hat***). He/she loves sports. Their room is decorated in sports gear, the coach loves them, and they never make a mistake in gym class when you play sports.

Here is kid two (***glasses***). He/she loves to read, and enjoys everything about school. They are the teacher's favorite, and they always know all the answers.

Here is kid three (***camouflage vest***). He/she loves to spend time outside. Fishing, hiking, camping—this kid loves all of that. This is the kid that you would want to invite on vacation with your family. They are fun, and very funny.

Alright, so here we have three different types of kids. Who does God love the most? (Pause) None of them, God loves us all very, very much. He doesn't love someone because they are good at sports or good at camping. He loves us because we are his kids!

If this kid (kid two) makes perfect grades all year, will God love him/her more? No, no way! And if he/she made terrible grades, would God love him/her more? No way! God loves him/her because he is a good dad. Nothing we do can change that.

If this kid (kid three) builds the best campfire and goes on amazing adventures, will God ever leave him/her? No way, God is a good dad. If he/she never goes hiking again, will God ever leave him/her? No way! He never leaves us.

If this kid (kid one) sits on the bench or doesn't make the team, will God love them any less? No way.

WHO I AM

Just like these three examples, God loves us no matter what. We can't do anything to buy or earn His love. We do not have to try to impress other people, because God loves us so much. Let's take a look at a video. Sing along with it—you don't have to worry about what anyone else thinks of you.

Music Video: Who I Am

PRAY

Does someone want to come thank God for the amazing gift of loving us today?

EXTRA SONG

Song: Home



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name



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PREP needs



small group supplies

For each kid:

Two sticker-back googly eyes

For each small group:

1. One poster with blanks to fill in (pg 44 of the guide)
2. Green, yellow and red markers (3-4 each color)

large group supplies

1. Small plant that looks like a “bush”
2. Basket that a baby could lay in
3. Baby (boy...no pink)
4. Small wrapped gift
5. One baseball hat
6. One pair of glasses
7. One camouflage vest

a/v needs

1. Attic Video: Journey Week 3
2. MosesGod's Story: Moses
3. Picture of a trophy
4. God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. Ephesians 2:8-9
5. Video: Who I Am
6. Song: Home

special room set-up

None

connect questions

- How does God feel about you?
- To see what we did today, check out crossroads.net/kc.

parent page

Moses thought that he wasn't good enough to bring God's Special Family to freedom. When God asked Moses to go, he made all kinds of excuses why God should choose a different person instead. But, God knew that Moses was fully capable, even if no one else thought the same thing. Read more about Moses' story in Exodus 2-4. Then, ask your kid what God sees when he looks at them.