



KINDERGARTEN-2nd

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DATE

A Journey Home—Week 3

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 2-4
(Pg. 65-69 in Adventure Bible for Early Readers)

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 the story. Do they remember details like Moses taking off his shoes and that the bush didn't burn up?

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? (Moses didn't think that he could do the job that God was calling him to do.)
- What did God think about Moses? (He knew that Moses could lead the people to freedom.)

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?

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ACTIVITY—BURNING BUSH

Each kid will need a **printed picture of a bush** and some **red, and yellow tissue paper squares, & green construction paper**.

- Say: God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. He needed a way to get Moses' attention. Today we are going to make a burning bush to remember the story.
- Give directions: each of you should color a burning bush, and then decorate it to make it look like the bush is burning. Get creative: roll up tissue in small balls, tear it into strips, or layer colors on top of one another.
- Prompt the kids to retell the story: What did God say to Moses from the bush? What was Moses' answer? How did God see Moses?
- What does this story tell you about God?

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QUESTIONS

- 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?

REMINDER HEART TATTOO

Remember that God loves all of us, because he is a good dad. We can't do anything amazing to make him love us more, and we can't mess up so bad that he stops loving us.

To remind you of God's love this week, we're all getting these cool **heart tattoos**. Now, at some point, they will come off, but God's love for you lasts forever.

Help kids apply temporary heart tattoos. Follow directions on the back of tattoo.

Some tips:

- Remember to take off the clear plastic sheet protecting the tattoo.
- Get the back of the tattoo completely wet to transfer the tattoo.
- Sing a song while you wait for the tattoo to transfer to skin.
- Gently wipe off the applied tattoo with water for best results.

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?



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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.

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 that he loves us no matter what. It's right in the Bible. 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

Ohhhhhh, 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. 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



PREP needs



small group supplies

For each kid:

- Coloring Pages- Moses & Bush
- Printed bush page
- Red tissue paper pieces (8-10)
- Yellow tissue paper pieces (8-10)
- Green construction paper (1 per kid)
- One Heart tattoo per kid (OT #IN-32/898)

To share at the table:

- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Bowl for water
- Paper towels to put on tattoos

large group supplies

- Small wrapped gift
- Small potted plant that looks like a bush
- Basket that a baby could lay in
- One baseball hat
- One pair of glasses
- Baby boy...no pink

- One camouflage vest

a/v needs

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2. God'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. Music 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.