



3rd -5th

July 27-28, 2013

DATE

Moses and the Burning Bush

LESSON TITLE

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

WHERE TO FIND IT

Kids will identify what the story of Moses shows us about God

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you **all** have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

tips

Today's small group activity may take longer than usual. Make sure not to start large group too late!

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to tell their parents what today's story shows us about God.

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about Moses. Kids will get an overview of his life but will focus on God calling to Moses from the burning bush. Moses didn't think he was equipped for the mission God gave him, so he told God no! But God always equips us to follow him.



instructions

Goal: to help kids recall the events of today's story and apply the truths they learn about God to their own lives

Why? Moses' story is pretty extensive. Kids won't have the capability to apply the story unless they understand it first.

Tip: Make sure you get to the "Dig Deeper" questions. The reenactment can be fun, but "Dig Deeper" will allow kids to understand how to apply their knowledge.

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. Share your favorite part of today's story—or one part that surprised you.

REENACT TO REVIEW

- Today, we're going to have a Moses reenactment contest!
- First, split kids into two teams (*split the kids yourself, so nobody feels left out or has to worry about his or her team. Once they are in teams, tell them*):
- Here's your mission:
 - Choose one person to be "Moses."
 - Each team gets a **bag of stuff**. Try to remember details from today's story and use the props in the bag to retell today's story. The team who retells it most accurately...wins!
 - Kids can *only* use the **Bible** (Exodus 2-4) to try to figure out all the props. They get 5 (ish) minutes to plan (be sure to time them). Ready? Set? Go!
- Here's what's in **each bag**:
 - A basket (for Moses' birth)
 - A crown (for where he grew up)
 - Easter grass (to clump up as the bush that Moses saw in the wilderness, since he didn't belong with his people or at the palace)
 - A piece of orange, red or yellow paper to crumple like fire (for when God appeared)
 - Flip flops (for shoes to remove)
 - A fake snake (for turning the staff into a snake)
 - A black glove (for the diseased hand)

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- Tiny water bottle (for turning water into blood)
- A beard (for “Moses”)
- Adventure Bible
- Let each team “reenact”—choose a winner!

***COLLECT ITEMS AND PUT BACK INTO TWO SEPARATE BAGS FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICE**

DIG DEEPER

3. **What does this story show us about God?** (*God is too holy to even look at, God is powerful enough to help us do anything, God knows when his people are hurting and comes to rescue them, etc.*)
4. Why did Moses say no to God at first? (*he didn’t think he could lead the people because he stuttered and thought they wouldn’t listen to him*)
5. Why can God help us do any job? (*God is powerful and can do anything! So he can help us do anything too*)
6. Do you think God has important jobs for you guys?
7. What kinds of jobs could God have for you? (*Telling people about Jesus, treating others with love, etc. Help explain how important those are and that we even have the Holy Spirit to help us*).
8. Why do you think God can help us too?

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

Knowing Bible verses is important, because God can bring his truth to our minds when we need it. Help kids memorize **Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.** You could ask them to include it in their reenactment or just go over it together. Sometimes adding motions helps. Here are some ideas:

- I (point to self) can do everything (sweep arms dramatically outward, as to encompass “everything”)
- By the power (flex arms) of Christ (point up)
- He (point up) gives me (point to self) strength (flex arms).

***Pray together and ask God to help us do everything in his strength this week!**

Extra time? Have small groups share “reenactments” with each other. Or grab a group game and bring it to the table. You can even re-watch the videos from today’s large group to review the whole story with kids (and give parents a sneak peek too).

special notes

Ahead of time, figure out where you want to stand when you show how Moses reacted to God as a burning bush by taking off his shoes and turning away. And feel free to use the presentation area in other creative ways to help share this story with kids!

presenter tips

Kids love to be heard! Try taking your mic off your head/shirt...and walk around and let kids give answers into your mic.

script

Hi kids! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so glad to see you all here today. We've been talking about how God built a family to send the Rescuer through. And today, we're going to learn more about that family. In fact, we're going to learn about the time one of them saw God.

IMAGINE SEEING GOD

Before we get started today, let's imagine what it could be like to see God. (**Show slide with 3 questions.**) How do you think God would show up? What would he look like? What would you do? **Turn and tell a friend or two what you think it would be like if just God showed up at your house one day.** Talk back and forth for a minute about these three questions and really imagine the situation. (Let kids share with each other.)

[Insert a personal story of how you've imagined God might show up and what you'd imagine you would do.] Okay, who else wants to come up and share how they think God might show up, what he might look like, and what you would do? (Let a kid or two share; they can share in pairs if they want.)

BRIEF INTRO TO MOSES

Well, today, we can see God's beauty and majesty in mountains or oceans or waterfalls. Or even just in a tree swaying in the wind in our backyard. But today, we're going to hear a story of a guy in God's special family...who got to see God. God showed up and actually spoke to him in an audible voice, just like I'm talking to you right now! This guy's name was Moses.

Now, Moses was born during a time when God's family was in a lot of trouble. See, they were stuck as slaves in a country called Egypt. And they were getting bigger and bigger, because new babies kept being born. Pretty soon, the ruler of Egypt, called Pharaoh, realized that God's family was getting SO big, that if they wanted to, they could turn into an army!



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So guess what Pharaoh did to make sure that God's family stopped getting bigger? He made a law that all new babies in God's family should be *killed*. Can you believe that?! And back then, rulers could make laws like that. So all the Israelite babies—remember, the Israelites were God's special family—were killed when they were born.

But when baby Moses was born, his mom decided to come up with a secret plan. She hid baby Moses in a basket and put the basket in the river. Nobody would think to look for a baby floating down the river! And God helped keep Moses safe because he had a very important job for Moses.

GOD ASKS MOSES TO DO A JOB

We're going to watch a video that shows us how God kept Moses safe—and how he appeared to Moses! As you watch, see if you can figure out the special job that God wanted Moses to do.

Video: God's Story / Moses

Wow, so what job did God want Moses to do? (Let kids say: save God's whole family!) Yes, God wanted Moses to be the one to save God's family from the horrible Pharaoh in Egypt. That's a pretty big job, isn't it??

MOSES' REACTION TO GOD

Let's think about what happened for a second. God appeared to Moses...as a burning bush. Did anybody expect God to show up as a burning bush? (Let kids respond.) Me neither. I only thought of that because I had heard of it happening in the Bible. Of course, God can appear however he wants! But he appeared to Moses as a burning bush.

When Moses saw the burning bush, it called his name. It said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses just answered, like that was perfectly normal. He said, "Here I am." Then God said this:

SLIDE: Exodus 3:5-6: "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob."

(Show picture of the burning bush.) So God shows up and says this to Moses. And Moses takes his shoes off (take your shoes off). Then the Bible says Moses turned his face away because he was afraid to look at God (turn your face away). You usually don't have to stop looking at fire, do you? It's actually pretty fun to look at! But this was *God* showing up as a burning bush. And Moses knew God was so holy and amazing that he couldn't look.

MOSES SAYS NO

(Stand with your shoes off and your face turned away.) But the crazy thing is, even though Moses knew he was standing in front of GOD, when God asked him to save his family, what did Moses say? (Let kids say: No!) That's right! Can you believe that?!



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Moses actually argued with God until finally, he said he would obey. And we are going to hear more about Moses' story in next week at Kids' Club, but what do you guys think? Would you guess that God helps Moses, just like he said he would? (Let kids say: YES!) Yes, of course He does!

GOD EQUIPS MOSES—AND US

See, God is all powerful. He can show up as a burning bush and be too amazing to even look at. He can help somebody who can't talk very well or speak clearly, because he made his mouth. He can cause a staff to turn into a snake and turn water into blood. He can cause people to listen to a guy who nobody really liked that much.

And the best part is, he can help us too. Philippians 4:13 says this:

SLIDE: Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.

What exactly can God help us do? (Let kids say: everything!) That's right, everything and *anything*! That's pretty amazing. We'll find out exactly what God helped Moses do. But for now, let's worship him and thank him for being powerful enough to help us and to save us!

WORSHIP

Song: Jesus is Powerful (just sit and watch)

Song: Come With Me (hand motions and lyrics on screen)

PRAY

Ask somebody to come thank God that he is powerful and can help us do anything.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Two brown paper bags of the following props per small group (can be re-used each service):

- Fake beard
- mini-basket
(http://www.sunshinecrafts.com/dept_view.php?DPath=FLOR~FLBSKT&Page=1)
- Fake crown

- A clump of green Easter “grass” (IN-37/1180)
- A half sheet of orange/red/or yellow paper
- Flip flops
- small fake snake
- one black glove
- disposable plastic water bottle (any size)
- An Adventure Bible (pg. 65-69)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pg. 65-69)

a/v needs

1. SLIDE with this text: If God appeared to you...How do you think he would show up? What would he look like? What would you do?
2. Video: God's Story / Moses
3. SLIDE: Exodus 3:5-6: “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground.” He continued, “I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am

the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob.”

4. Image: burning bush (jpeg in curriculum folder)
5. SLIDE: Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.
6. Song: Jesus is Powerful
7. Song: Come With Me (version with person doing hand motions)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Moses.

Why did God appear to Moses?

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God appeared to Moses as a burning bush to ask him to accomplish a special mission. The crazy thing is, Moses said no because he was afraid he couldn't do it. Fortunately, we can do everything through Christ's power (Phil. 4:13), and Moses eventually agreed to God's mission. Read this week's story in Genesis 2-4 or watch a video about it at CrossroadsKidsClub.net.