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Moses and the Burning Bush



It had been 40 years since Moses had run away from Egypt. He knew now that he had been wrong. Killing was

not part of God's plan. But God had not left him. He had protected Moses as he traveled over the desert.

Moses remembered the first evening in Midian. While he had rested near a well, some shepherdesses came to draw water. They always watered their animals at that well. But some shepherds came and tried to chase the women away. Moses saw what was happening. He protected them from the shepherds. Then he drew water for the women's sheep.

The women took Moses home with them and fed him. Their father, Jethro, hired Moses to work for him. Later Moses married Jethro's daughter Zipporah, one of the shepherdesses. And now he and Zipporah had two sons.

The pharaoh Moses had run from was dead. But the Israelites were worse off than ever. The new pharaoh was more cruel than the old one. How Moses wished he hadn't taken matters into his own hands. He wished he hadn't killed that Egyptian! If he had only waited for God to show him when to act! His people might have been free by now.

God knew that Moses was ready to lead the Israelites. He had learned to be humble. He had learned to wait for God. He had learned patience as he took care of sheep.

One day Moses was caring for his father-in-law's flocks as usual. Suddenly he saw a bush

burning. Moses saw that the bush kept burning. But it didn't burn up! The fire was not going out! He decided to have a closer look. As he stood before the bush, he heard a voice.

"Moses! Moses!" the voice said.

"Here I am," Moses answered.



"Do not come any closer. Take off your shoes. You are standing on holy ground," said the voice. "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the

God of Isaac and of Jacob."

Quickly Moses took off his sandals and bowed low.

The voice continued: "I have seen the trouble of My people. And I want you to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let My people go."

"But, Lord, who am I to go to Pharaoh?" Moses asked.



Moses and the Burning Bush Questions

What happened to Moses after he fled Egypt?

How long was Moses in hiding before God called him to service?

What were God's instructions to Moses?



Moses and the Burning Bush Coloring Page



Moses and the Burning Bush Craft

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Thanks to Linda for sharing her craft idea with us!

"This activity will help them remember both the story of God speaking to Moses from the bush and the memory verse used. And, they'll have fun doing it."

Materials:

- 1/2 sheet of white construction paper
- pieces/strips of red and yellow tissue paper (pre-cut for younger children, 5 and older can cut own if you prefer to let them - time permitting)
- Crayons, markers, pencils
- Glue sticks/bottles

Instructions:

- Children trace their own hand onto white paper. They can also just draw a "bush" if they prefer. I offered them the choice.
- Color branches/trunk brown or draw own bush
- Glue tissue paper pieces randomly to form flames onto "bush" shape
- Children can also draw other things in their pictures, like rocks, canyons, sand, desert, hills, the sun, clouds, etc., if they like. Let their creativity loose, time permitting.
- NOTE: you can print a Scripture verse pertaining to lesson or add own title before giving paper to children. Example: "And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:5



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