



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 40

The Burning Bush

Lesson Aim: To know God calls us
to be His messengers.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you want to be when you grow up?

GAME: Foot Messengers

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 96:8-9.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Joseph forgives his brothers.

Jacob's twelve sons each had large families; together they were called Israelites. They were also called Hebrews. Hebrew was the language they spoke. Several hundred years after Joseph died, life in Egypt was hard for the Israelites. The new Pharaoh did not know about Joseph. He forced the Israelites into slavery. Moses was one of those Israelites. Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 3:1-5, 9-10, 13-14, 16-17; 4:12-14. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Exodus 4:12. Pray.

When Moses was a baby, his mother hid him on the bank of the Nile River to protect him from Pharaoh. Pharaoh's daughter found and raised Moses as her own. Even though he grew up in the palace, he knew he was an Israelite. He was angry that his people were mistreated. When he saw a man beating a slave, Moses killed the man and ran away to Midian. Point out Midian. Read.

THE WAY GOD SPEAKS TO US

Hold up branch or photo of bush. **What would you do if you saw an angel appear in a flaming bush, yet the bush did not burn up? Imagine hearing God's voice from the burning bush calling your name. What do you think His voice sounds like?**

Why do you think God made Moses take off his shoes? (He was standing on holy ground.) **God wanted him to understand just how special it was for God to speak to him. When we talk with God, we are in His presence; we are standing on holy ground. When we pray, we may close our eyes, bow our heads, fold our hands, stand, sit, or kneel. What prayer position helps you remember you are in God's holy presence?**

What did God say He had seen and heard? (He had seen the Israelites suffering. He heard them crying.) **Why was God sending Moses to Pharaoh?** (To bring Pharaoh's slaves, the Israelites, out of Egypt.) **What promise did God tell Moses to give to the Israelites?** (God promised to bring them out of Egypt.) **How did God describe the new land where He promised they would live?** (The land flowing with milk and honey.) **This was the land God had promised His people.**

When Moses worried the people wouldn't believe him, God gave him signs of His power so they would believe. If time allows, play the GOT TIME? GAME: THREE SIGNS FOR MOSES. **What did God tell Moses to say if someone asked who sent him?** ("I Am has sent me to you.") **The name, "I Am," reminds us God is everywhere, and He is the most important one. What does God's name, "I Am," mean to you?**

When Moses said he was not good at speaking, who did God say would help him? (His brother Aaron and God Himself would help.) **God wants us to be His messengers, too. How would you feel if God asked you to deliver a special message for Him? What are some of your worries about talking to others about God?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God called Moses to go to the Israelites with His message. 1500 years later, Jesus called His followers to go and speak to everyone about Him. Reveal Matthew 28:19-20. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What is Jesus calling all of His followers to do? (To go teach others all that Jesus has commanded them.) **What promise does He give to those who do this?** (He will be with them always.) **God will help us, even when we are not sure what to say. Let's take seven seconds of silence and silently ask God to help us teach others about Him.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Leaf (real or artificial)
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Moses and the burning bush
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Flaming Fruit

GAMES: Baby Moses Story, Three Signs for Moses

CRAFT: Message Leaves

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory

Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW