



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 8, Lesson 40**

## **The Burning Bush**

**Lesson Aim: To know God calls us and equips 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, 19-20; 4:10-14. 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 EQUIPS US TO BE HIS MESSENGERS**

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? 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 did God already know about Pharaoh?** (He would not let the people go unless he was forced.) **How did God plan to force Pharaoh into letting them go?** (He planned to strike the Egyptians with wonders.)

**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. What did God do when Moses was worried the Israelites would not believe him?** (He gave Moses ways to show signs of God's power.) If time allows, play the GOT TIME? GAME: THREE SIGNS FOR MOSES. **Where can you find reports of the many signs and mighty wonders God has already performed to show His power?** (The Bible.)

**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? God promised to help Moses speak. Who else did God plan to use to help Moses?** (Moses' brother Aaron.) **Has God given you a friend or family member who might help you tell others about Jesus? God wants us to be His messengers as well. 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)
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #40
- 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**