



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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, and together they were called the Israelites. They were also called Hebrews. Hebrew was the language they spoke. Several hundred years after Joseph died, life in Egypt was very hard for the Israelites. The new Pharaoh (king) did not know about Joseph and how he wisely governed the Egyptians. 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, 16-17; 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 baby Moses as her own son. 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 Exodus 3:1-5, 9-10, 16-17. **Moses was afraid to be the messenger, but God made him a promise.** Read Exodus 4:12.

THE WAY GOD SPEAKS TO US

What did Moses see while he was tending his sheep in Midian? (A burning bush.) Whose voice came from the bush? (God's.) Hold up

branch or photo. **Imagine what it must have been like to see a bush on fire, yet not burning up. Imagine hearing God's voice 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 Moses to understand just how special it was for God to speak to him. Whenever we talk with God, we are in His presence. That means we are standing on holy ground. When we pray, we take a position that reminds us we are on holy ground. 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.) God told Moses to carry His message that He would free the Israelites to both the Israelites and to Pharaoh. How would you feel if God told you to deliver a special message for Him? How does God describe the new land where He promised they would live? (The land of milk and honey.)

Moses was worried about being God's messenger. He wondered why God had chosen him; he was not good at speaking. How did God promise to help him? (God would help him speak and teach him what to say.) God gave Moses everything he needed. He even chose Moses' brother Aaron to help because he was good at speaking.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

In God's message to the Israelites, He showed He cared and He promised to bring them a new life. In the same way, God sends us to others with a message about God's love and the promise of a new life with Him. 1500 years after God spoke to Moses, Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about this new message which was for all people. Reveal John 3:16. Read.

We can tell others this message. It is good news! God will help us speak, even when we are not sure what to say, and He will help people believe the message. Let's take seven seconds of silence and silently ask God to help us share this message of good news with everyone. After a brief silent prayer, conclude with the Golden Bowl prayer.

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

GAME: Baby Moses Story

CRAFT: Message Leaves

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory

Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW