

# Old Testament

## The Burning bush Exodus 3-4

### Younger Memory Verse

God showed us how much He loved us. Romans 5:8

### Older Memory Verse

God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful.  
Romans 5:8 (CEV)

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Have you ever been afraid to do something? Or were you ever afraid that someone would laugh at you or make fun of you? In today's lesson we will learn about a leader who was afraid—but we'll see how God helped him!

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned about a baby boy. Does anyone remember his name? (Moses) This week we are fast-forwarding through his life. Now he is a grown-up.

Moses knew that he was different from the king. He knew that he was a Hebrew—the kind of people that the king used as slaves for the kingdom. One day he saw a guard beating up a Hebrew slave. Moses became very angry. He got so angry that he killed the guard. He looked both ways and he thought that no one saw him.

The next day, Moses was in the same place and someone told him that he knew what Moses had done. Moses was scared! He knew that he could die for what he had done. So, he ran away to another country. He thought that he would be safe there.

It was really hard for Moses. He had to learn how to be a shepherd. A shepherd takes care of sheep. Moses lived in the palace when he was growing up. He never had to do anything. It would be like being the president's son or daughter (or a rich kid). He could do anything he wanted and get whatever he wanted. Best of all, he did not have to work. All the palace slaves did everything.

As you can see, Moses had to learn how to work, and how to work hard. He didn't have anyone helping him or giving him delicious food anymore.

One day Moses was out in the fields with the sheep. As he was leading the sheep, they came to the mountain of God. All of a sudden Moses saw a strange thing.

Moses saw fire coming out of a tree—but the tree was still green. Nothing was burning up or turning brown! Moses walked closer to get a better view.

### Lesson Goals

**Tell the story to a friend**  
**Understand why Moses went back to Egypt**  
**Listen to God and see what He wants you to do**

God saw that Moses was coming closer, so He called to Moses, “Moses, Moses!”

Moses said, “I’m right here.”

Then God said, “Stay where you are. Take off your sandals because this is holy ground.

God told Moses that He had seen how the Hebrew people were being treated so badly. He had heard their cries for help. He told Moses that He had a plan, and Moses was part of that plan to get the people out of their slavery. God told Moses to go and get His people.

Moses just stood there. He was afraid. He didn’t know what the king was going to say. He knew that there was a new king now and he was even tougher! So, he told God that he wasn’t a good leader. It should be someone else.

God told Moses that He would be with him.

Then Moses thought of another excuse. “What would I say when they ask who sent me?”

God told him that he would say, “I am who I am sent me.”

Then Moses said, “What if the people don’t believe me or laugh at me.”

Then God asked Moses to throw down his stick. It became a snake! Then he asked Moses to pick it up by the tail. It turned back into a stick. God explained that the people would see even more miracles and they would believe that Moses was sent by God.

Moses was STILL afraid. He told God that he stuttered.

That was no problem for God. God told him that He would help. He also told Moses that his brother Aaron could also help.

So, Moses and Aaron and their families traveled back to Egypt. Next week we’ll see what amazing miracles God does to help his people.

God did the best miracle when He sent His son Jesus to earth. Jesus was the only way for us to get to Heaven. Jesus made a bridge for us to get to God. We can cross that bridge by believing in Jesus and asking Him to come into our lives. He will change our lives forever!

### Learning Activities

Teachers: You may want to bring a matchbook and light a match to explain how something burns up and turns char-brown. (PLEASE—do NOT let any of the children play with matches, this is very tempting. Please put them in your pocket so that no one can get them)

Use the activity sheets that will help the children learn and apply the story.

### Memory Verse Activities

As you say the memory verse, talk with different accents to be funny and creative about using your words and mouth to speak good things to others. Example—use a country twang, a northern accent, pig latin (the first letter goes to the end of the word followed by a long a sound). You may want to use other nationalities too—be careful that no one is offended.

### Prayer Time

Hand each person a prayer card. Before the class time, write on each card special requests that they can pray for at home. Examples: Teachers, Mom, Dad, Bible study leaders, special needs at your apartment complex, friends, new people in Bible study, telling people about Jesus, etc.

### Snack Time/CleanUp

Come by the office early. There are so many different things that come in. Kids would like to eat different snacks occasionally. You may want to bring “Red Hots” to remember the burning bush!

Planning for Lesson 25  
The Plagues  
Exodus chapter 7-12:32

Preschool Lesson  
For  
The Burning Bush

Last week we learned about a baby boy. Does anyone remember his name? (Moses) This week we are fastforwarding through his life. Now he is a grown-up.

Moses got into trouble and went to another country. He thought that he would be safe there.

It was really hard for Moses. He had to learn how to be a shepherd. A shepherd takes care of sheep. (Make “baa” noise) Moses lived in the palace when he was growing up. He never had to do anything.

As you can see, Moses had to learn how to work, and how to work hard. He didn’t have anyone helping him or giving him delicious food anymore.

One day Moses was out in the fields with the sheep. (Make “baa” noise) As he was leading the sheep, (Make “baa” noise) they came to the mountain of God. All of a sudden Moses saw a strange thing. (Place your hand on your forehead like you are looking far away)

Moses saw fire coming out of a tree—but the tree was still green. Nothing was burning up or turning brown! Moses walked closer to get a better view.

God saw that Moses was coming closer, so He called to Moses, “Moses, Moses!”

Moses said, “I’m right here.”

Then God said, “Stay where you are. Take off your sandals because this is holy ground. (Take off your shoes)

God told Moses that He had seen how the Hebrew people were being treated so badly. He had heard their cries for help. He told Moses that He had a plan. And Moses was part of that plan to get the people out of their slavery. God told Moses to go and get His people.

Moses just stood there. He was afraid. He didn’t know what the king would say. He knew that there was a new king now and he was mean! So, he told God that he wasn’t a good leader. It should be someone else.

Then God asked Moses to throw down his stick. It became a snake! (Make a “hiss” sound) Then he asked Moses to pick it up by the tail. It turned back into a stick. God explained that the people would see even more miracles and they would believe that Moses had been sent by God.

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
The Burning Bush

Make a snake out of an old neck tie. Stuff a neck tie with newspaper or soft pillow filler. Pretend it is the stick/snake that Moses had.

Make paper sandals like Moses had. Write the verse on the sandals.

If appropriate, bring a lighter, or matches to illustrate the burning bush. Be sure to do this carefully. Keep all matches with you so that the kids cannot get them.

Color pictures of a bush and add orange and yellow for the fire.

Moses had to take care of sheep. Bring sheets and dress up as Moses. Make a staff by crinkling up newspaper.

God called Moses to do something special for Him. God knows us and has a plan for our lives too. Share how God can use us to help others know about Him.

Do you ever make excuses? Moses tried to make excuses to God. God kept giving Moses an answer for every excuse he had. Do you try to make excuses to God? We do not have to be afraid of what God is asking us to do. He promises to help us and take care of us no matter what happens.

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