



UNIT 11, SESSION 2

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

EXODUS 2-4

KEY POINTS

God sees us. • We should obey God. • God can use anyone.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who should we obey? We should obey God!

MEMORY VERSE

Call to me and I will answer you. **Jeremiah 33:3**



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

As preschool leaders, we know that little things matter. A small smile can calm a nervous child. Sitting on the floor instead of standing can make a child feel safe. Even arriving a few minutes early can change the whole tone of a morning. It's all about the details.

In the Bible, we see this in the story of Moses and the burning bush. Many of us know the moment well: God spoke to Moses from a bush that was on fire but didn't burn up. But there's a small detail in this passage that's easy to miss: "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush..." (Exodus 3:4) God spoke when Moses noticed. He didn't shout to get Moses' attention from far away. He waited until Moses turned aside, leaned in, and paid attention. That small act, just noticing, made space for God to speak. Isn't that so true for our classrooms?

God is often in little moments like these:

- A child who needs extra comfort at drop-off
- A spontaneous hug around your legs
- A simple Bible truth spoken in tiny, halting words
- A quiet moment during play when a child feels seen and loved

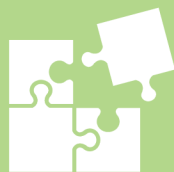
These may not feel like "big" spiritual moments, but they are. These are your burning bushes! God invites us, just like Moses, to slow down, notice, and move toward what catches our attention. When we do, we may find that He's already there, ready to speak, guide, and remind us that our work matters deeply.

Prayer for this week:

Lord, help me to notice the little things today. Open my eyes to the moments You've placed right in front of me. Give me a heart that pauses, listens, and responds with love. Use even the smallest details to remind me that You are near. Amen.

Adapted from "Moses and the Burning Bush", part of the The Life of Moses study by Annie Downs, published on She Reads Truth.

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing to the tune of “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes”:

Call to me
and I will answer you.
(repeat 3x)

Jeremiah 33:3
33:3!

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the lesson.

CRAFT: BURNING BUSH

Give each child crayons/markers, a burning bush coloring page, and a sheet/section of fire stickers. Give them a few minutes to color in the page as they want. Then, help them add fire stickers to create a burning bush like the one from our lesson!

As you work, review today's Bible lesson with your class.





BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

One day, Moses was looking after his sheep when he saw something very strange: A bush was on fire, but it didn't burn!

God spoke to Moses from the burning bush. God wanted to save the Israelites from Egypt. He told Moses to go to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let the people go.

Moses was scared, but God reminded Moses that He would be with him. Moses listened to God and went to Egypt

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

One day, Moses saw something strange. It was a bush that was on fire, but didn't burn up! A voice called to Moses from the burning bush. It said, "Remove your sandals. This place is holy. I am the Lord God." Moses was afraid. He hid his face.

God told Moses he would rescue His people from Egypt. He told Moses to tell Pharaoh to let His people go. Moses was scared. What if people didn't believe him? God told Moses to throw his staff on the ground. It turned into a snake. God commanded Moses to pick up the snake, and it turned back into a staff.

Moses was still scared. God said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." Moses put his hand inside and when he took it out again, it was covered with leprosy. He did the same again and it came out healthy. But Moses made more excuses.

God promised to be with Moses and help him. Finally, Moses agreed to go to Egypt. God sent Moses' brother Aaron to meet him. Moses told Aaron all the things God had spoken. Together they went to the people of Israel and said, "God will free us."

KEY POINTS: God sees us. • We should obey God. • God can use anyone.

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What strange thing did God speak to Moses from?
4. Who should we obey? We should obey God!

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!