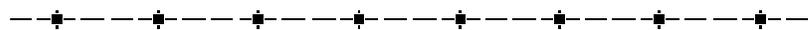


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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A Burning Bush

Last week we learned that when Moses was born, the Hebrew people were slaves. Their baby boys were in danger because Pharaoh wanted to kill them. But God had special plans for Moses, so God saved him.

Exodus 2-4

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 3 :1-14 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

I have seen my people
beaten down in Egypt. I have
heard their groans. I have come
down to set them free.
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back to Egypt.
(Acts 7:34 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

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 had grown up in the palace, but he 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. (Exodus 2:11-12)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Moses' life was in danger.
2. Recognize that God called Moses from a burning bush.
3. Understand that God told Moses to go to Pharaoh.
4. Learn that God told Moses of His plan to deliver Israel from slavery.

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. (Exodus 2:15)

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 princess). 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 bush—but the bush was still green. Nothing was burning up or turning brown! Moses walked closer to get a better view. (Exodus 3:1-3) God saw that Moses was coming closer, so He called to Moses, "Moses, Moses!"

A Burning Bush — Bible Facts

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Moses fled Egypt.3. God told Moses to go to Pharaoh. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.4. Moses protested. |
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Moses said, "I'm right here." (Exodus 3:4)

Then God said, "Stay where you are. Take off your sandals because this is holy ground. (Exodus 3:5)
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. (Exodus 3:10)

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 than the one Moses had grown up with! So, he told God that he wasn't a good leader; it should be someone else. (Exodus 3:11) God told Moses that He would be with him. Then Moses thought of another excuse. "What will I say when they ask who sent me?"

God told him that he would say, "I am who I am sent me." (Exodus 3:12-14)

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! 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. (Exodus 4:1-9) 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. (Exodus 4:10-14) So, Moses and Aaron and their families traveled back to Egypt. (Exodus 4:27-29) Next week we'll see what amazing miracles God did to help his people.

Review

1. What happened to Moses? (he fled Egypt)
2. What did Moses see? (a burning bush)
3. What did God say to Moses? (go to Pharaoh)
4. What did Moses do? (Moses protested)

Do you know Jesus?

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 way for us to get to God. We can do that by believing in Jesus and asking Him to come into our lives. He will change our lives forever! (Romans 10:9-10; John 3:16)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to get to God.
3. Ask God to help you follow His plan for you.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God's plan for themselves.

Application

Moses fled Egypt because he was in danger. While he was in Midian, he saw a burning bush. God spoke to him and told him to go to the Pharaoh. Moses protested but God told Moses that He would deliver Israel.

Planning for the next week:

Pharaoh and the Plagues — Exodus 7-12

Preschool Lesson

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Memory verse for younger children:

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Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make paper sandals like Moses had. Write the verse on the sandals.

Cut out sheep. Write the memory verse on the sheep.

•**Test your memory** — Moses had to take care of sheep. Bring sheets and dress up as Moses. Make a staff by crinkling up newspaper. Have the children retell the story.

•**Taste activity** — Make sheep using marshmallows or angel food cake cut in squares. Use pretzel sticks for legs and ears. Use round candy for eyes and white icing to make eyes stick. Color the icing red for lips; color some black for the ears.

Color white icing in shades of a fire (red, orange, yellow, brown). Color pretzel sticks in those colors to make a burning bush.

•**Think about it** — 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? Talk about how we do not have to be afraid of what God is asking us to do.

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

•**Touch activity** — Color pictures of a bush and add orange and yellow tissue paper or construction paper for the fire.

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.

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.

•**Run and play** — Moses was a shepherd. Have the children pretend to be sheep. One child will pretend to be a wolf. Ask the children to gather and make noises like sheep. Then yell “wolf.” The child who is the wolf will try to catch someone. If he is able to touch someone, that person will be the wolf next.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God has a plan for us.

•**Sing** — Sing “Have Thine Own Way,” “I Am Thine, O Lord,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver coloring pages for those who did not attend. Help them learn the verse. Encourage the child who did not attend to read the story in the Bible.

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Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Moses

heard

God

speak.

Word Search

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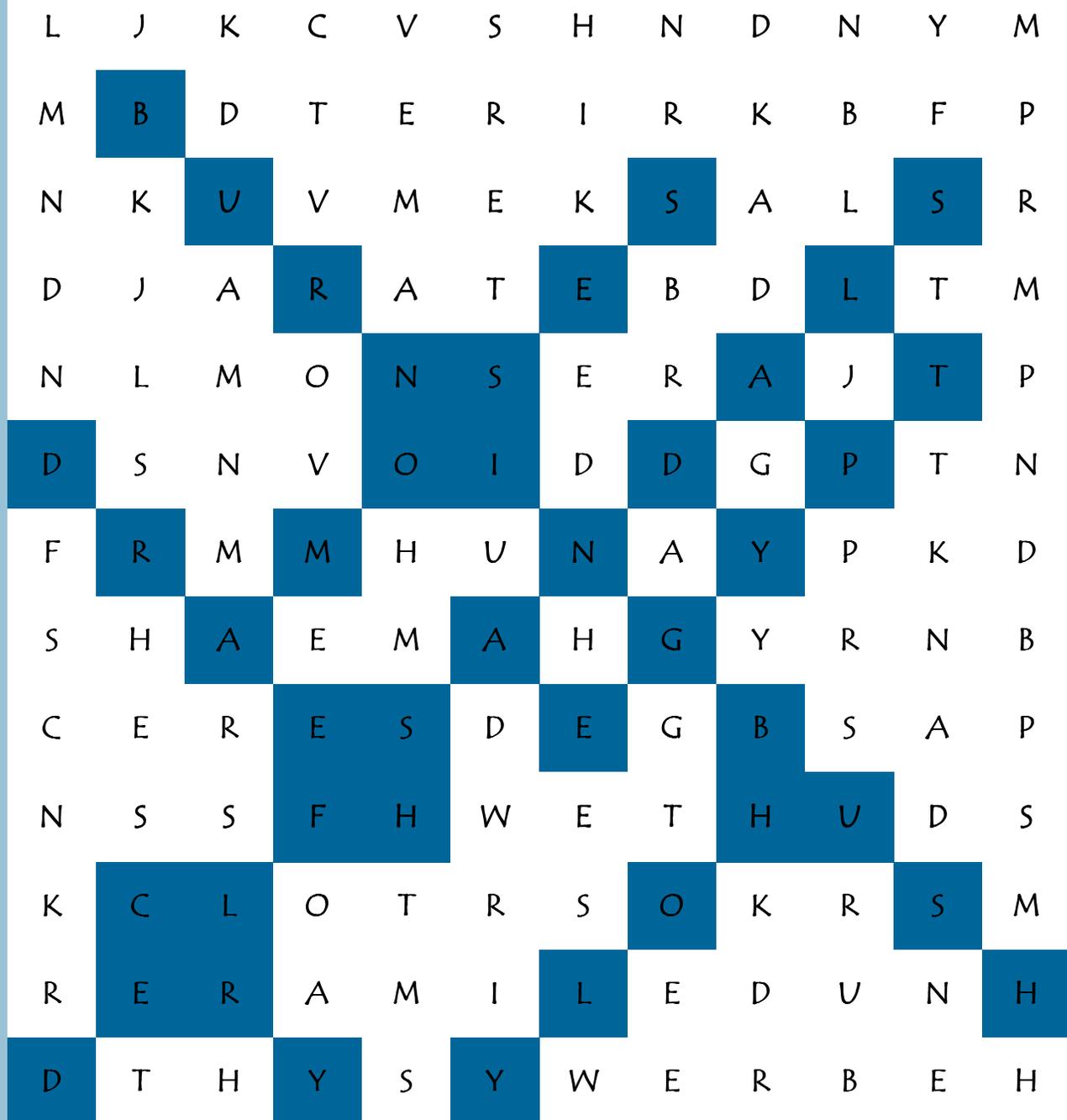
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