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Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-4:17



YOUR BIBLE READING

God heard suffering people and gave Moses both a task and help.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Flame That Did Not Consume the Bush

Exodus 3:1-4:17



Moses was tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, when he led it to Horeb, the mountain of God. There he saw a bush burning with fire. The strange thing was that it did not burn away. Moses turned aside to look more closely. Then God called to him from the bush. What began as a day of tending animals became a meeting that would change his work.

God told Moses not to come closer and to remove his sandals, because the ground was holy. He identified himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. God said that he had seen his people's suffering in Egypt, heard their cries, and knew their sorrow. He intended to bring them out to a good land.

Then God gave Moses a task: he would go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses questioned how he could do something so great. God promised to be with him. Moses also asked what name he should give if the people asked who had sent him. God answered by revealing his name and linking his message with the God their ancestors had known and worshiped.

Moses received instructions to gather Israel's elders and tell them what God had said. Together they would speak to Egypt's king. God explained that the king would not readily let them go, and that powerful acts would follow. Moses was not being promised an easy conversation with Pharaoh. He was being sent into a difficult task, with God's promised presence and with a message to carry back to the people.

Remember: Needing help does not make a person unimportant.

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Help for a Difficult Calling

Exodus 3:1-4:17



Moses still feared that the people would not believe him. God asked what he held in his hand. It was a staff. At God's command, Moses threw it down, and it became a snake. Moses fled from it. Then God told him to take it by the tail. When he did, it became a staff again. This would be one sign that the God of Israel's ancestors had appeared to him.

God also gave a sign involving Moses' hand. He put it inside his cloak and brought it out covered with a serious skin condition. After putting it back and taking it out again, he found it restored. God described a further sign involving water from the Nile. These were signs within Moses' calling; the story does not turn sickness into evidence that a person is bad or deserves to be rejected.

Moses said that he was not a skilled speaker and that speaking was difficult for him. God promised to help him know what to say. Even then, Moses asked that someone else be sent. The account describes God's anger at his continued refusal. Yet help was also provided. Moses' brother Aaron could speak well and was coming to meet him. Moses would not have to carry every part of the task alone.

God explained how the brothers would work together. Moses would receive the instructions and give Aaron the words to speak. Aaron would speak to the people. God promised help for both of them in what they should do and say. Moses was to take the staff through which the signs would be shown. The calling remained difficult, but it now included clear instructions, signs, and a brother's practical support.

Pause and think: How can naming a specific difficulty help you find the support you need?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Name the Kind of Help You Need



Think of a task that feels too large when you look at all of it at once. An adult can help you divide it into parts: understanding the instructions, gathering materials, practicing, and asking someone to join you. Which part is hardest for you? Naming a particular need makes it easier to find useful help than simply deciding that you cannot do anything at all.

Moses speaks about difficulty with words. People communicate in many ways, and some need extra time, a device, written words, pictures, or another person's assistance. Needing support does not make someone less valuable. Notice one way your group could make communication easier for everyone. Perhaps you can wait without interrupting, speak clearly, or ask the person what would help instead of guessing for them.

A calling in this passage comes through a particular encounter with God. You do not have to interpret every unusual sight as an instruction. In everyday life, trustworthy guidance can include clear information, adult support, and time to think. You can admire Moses' story while still asking questions and making careful choices about tasks and people who ask for your help.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God hears suffering people and gives Moses a task together with instructions and Aaron’s help.

How can naming a specific difficulty help you find the support you need?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What was unusual about the bush?

2. Who would help Moses speak?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ God called him to lead the Israelites out.
- ☐ God appointed Aaron to help him speak.
- ☐ Moses stopped to look at the burning bush.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the bush with flames and Moses' sandals nearby.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Needing help does not make a person unimportant.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Exodus 4:14-16

A thoughtful conversation

Do not diagnose Moses' speech difficulty or suggest that disability is a moral failure. Aaron's help shows that important work can be shared.

Activity answers

1. It was on fire but did not burn away.
2. His brother Aaron.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me ask for support and care about people who suffer.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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