

God talks to Moses

Exodus 3



FOR YOU

Because we know that God loves us and wants to be our friend, sometimes we forget that God is holy and almighty - as God speaks to Moses, he is required to remove his shoes to show that he is on holy ground. God had kept Moses safe as a baby and a young man but he had a job for him to do. Catching Moses attention with a miraculous fire that didn't destroy the bush it was in, God tells Moses what he has chosen him to do. Moses had been brought up as a Prince in Egypt (you may have seen the film Prince of Egypt!) and so he was well aware that the Pharaoh would not want to lose his slaves. God was asking him to do what felt like an impossible task, and Moses didn't think he could do it. But, with God's help he can. Like most of the leaders in the Bible, Moses was flawed and made a lot of mistakes. We don't have to be perfect for God to use us to do amazing things.

STORY



Ready-steady

Take in a wooden puzzle or something that looks difficult to do. Show how you can't do whatever it is and ask for someone to help you to do it.

Sometimes we are given tasks that feel like they are impossible to do. (Last week we heard about how God looked after and kept safe a baby called Moses) in today's story we hear how God gives Moses an impossible job but promises that he will help him to do it.

Sing – As I sit quietly



Read-tell

Read 'God talks to Moses' (p40). Use a flame to represent God and a puppet or doll to represent Moses and use them to act out the story as you read it



Wonder together

*I wonder how Moses felt when he saw the burning bush and heard God speaking to him?
I wonder how he felt when he heard about the impossible job God wanted him to do?
I wonder what things God wants me to do with his help?*



Additional ide-

Read 'A bush on fire' (p32) in Bob Hartman's 'Play along Bible'

MAKE & PLAY



- Make a 'tree' out of some long twigs tied together and secure them in a pot. Encourage everyone to re-create the 'burning bush' by hanging strips of yellow, orange and red tissue paper on the branches. As they do this they can say 'thank you for helping us'
- Collect a big pile of autumn leaves and put them on a tarpaulin for the children to play in
- Print clip art pictures of bushes on A4 card and supply scraps of yellow, orange and red paper to glue on to symbolize the flames
- Learn the Makaton sign for 'to help' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H98TVU0GE20>



PRAY

Give each family a flame or two and ask them to discuss and write or draw the things that they would like God to help them with. They might seem like big impossible things like the job that God gave Moses, or they might be little simple things that would make a difference to that family.

SONGS

- My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
- My God is so big, and I am so small
- Bigger than big

@HOME

Encourage families to take their prayer flame home and use it to pray for God's help every day



God says...
"I will help
you"



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