



OLD TESTAMENT: MOSES TALKS TO GOD

Lesson 14

BIG IDEA

Moses has grown up in Pharaoh’s household, but begins to identify with his people the Israelites. He makes a bad choice and has to flee Egypt. He spends 40 years in the wilderness and the Lord gives him a wife and children.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8 or Exodus 3:14a

KEY VERSES

Exodus 2:11-4:17

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Bible
- Cast: TL wearing baseball cap and Bear wearing bear ears
- *EM provides baseball cap and bear ears*

GAME - HOT POTATO

- Beanbag
- Music (by CD, guitar or some other method)

CRAFT - BURNING BUSH CRAFT

- White construction paper 9 x 12, one per child
- Brown construction paper 6 x 9, one per child
- 2 inch squares of tissue paper in red, orange and yellow, 30-40 per child
- Pencils, one per child
- Glue
- Crayons or markers

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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CAST

TL wearing baseball cap

Bear wearing bear ears

SCRIPT

TL and Bear enter stage

TL Hi Bear. Are you ready to hear more about Moses? The story is about to become very exciting.

Bear (In a sad voice) I guess so...

TL Bear, is something wrong? You sound sad.

Bear I'm not perfect.

TL Well, nobody's perfect Bear.

Bear But I want to be perfect.

TL But Bear, everyone is a mix of talents, strength, weakness, fear.

Bear Sure, sure. But I want to be perfect. If I was perfect then life would be so much easier! I wouldn't make mistakes. I would get perfect grades. I wouldn't forget to do my chores. My ideas would always be good and all the bears would listen to them. (Big sigh) And I could do big, important things for God and wouldn't mess up.

TL (Understanding) Bear, do you remember I told you about a little baby who was hidden in a basket in a huge river so the king wouldn't kill him?

Bear Yah, that was Baby Moses. The Princess found him and raised him in the palace. He must have been pretty perfect if God saved his life and he was raised in a palace. Must be nice.

TL Well, about 80 years later Moses was living in Midian and was working as a shepherd. He was worried about the Israelites because they were slaves in Egypt; he was very angry at the Egyptians and he was afraid for his life. Would you say he was perfect, Bear?

Bear I guess not.

TL One day Moses noticed a bush that was on fire, but it did not seem to burn up. He was puzzled and thought, "I'll go over and see this strange sight. Why doesn't the bush



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burn up?”

The Lord was watching Moses and his voice came from the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

“Here I am,” Moses answered.

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals. This is holy ground. I am the God of your father. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

Moses was afraid and looked away.

“I know about the sufferings of my people in Egypt. I am going to rescue them out of Egypt and take them to a good land. A land flowing with plenty of milk and honey.”

Bear Huh? Milk and honey? That sounds like a strange land. I mean milk and honey are yummy, don't get me wrong, but I wouldn't want to live in a land flowing with milk and honey.

TL (Chuckle) Bear, that is a very good question. Let's see what you know about milk. Where does milk come from?

Bear Cows and sheep and goats.

TL And what do cows eat?

Bear Grass and hay.

TL Exactly. So when God says the land is flowing with milk, he is meaning the land will have plenty of grass and grain to feed plenty of animals, which will produce plenty of milk. And when God says the land is flowing with honey that meant plenty of bees and plenty of flowers for the bees to get nectar from, and plenty plants and trees for the flowers to grow on, and plenty of land and water for the plants to grow in!

Bear I get it! Sounds like the perfect land.

TL God had a lot more to say to Moses, “I am sending you to the Pharaoh so that you can lead my people out of his country.”

Moses was scared and said, “But I am nobody special. How can I bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

“I will be with you. When you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me here. That will be the proof that I have sent you.”

Moses was still scared and said, “When I tell the Israelites, ‘The God of your ancestors



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sent me to you,' they will say, 'What is his name?' What will I tell them?"

"Tell them, 'the One who is called I AM has sent me to you.' Tell the leaders of Israel that I have decided to bring them out of Egypt. Go with them to the Pharaoh and say, 'Let us go into the desert to worship the Lord our God.'"

Moses was still not sure he could do what God asked. So God proved himself to Moses by turning his staff into a snake and then back into a staff again.

Bear No way! That's cool!

TL God also turned Moses' hand white with a skin disease and then he turned it healthy again. God said, "When they see these miracles, they will believe that I appeared to you."

But Moses was still doubtful. "Lord, I'm not good at speaking to people. Please, send someone else to do this hard job."

God began to get angry with Moses, but he was also merciful, "I will help you speak. I will teach you what to say. I will let your brother Aaron help you. I will help both you. Now, go."

So Moses finally obeyed and went to Egypt with his Brother Aaron. They gathered all the elders of Israel together and showed them the miracle with the staff and the white hand in front of them. And the leaders believed and worshiped God. They went to Pharaoh and spoke boldly to him, "The Lord our God says, 'Let my people go, so that they can worship me in the desert.'"

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord? Why should I listen to him and let you go?" He was angry with them and commanded the Egyptian slave masters to stop giving the Israelites straw for making bricks. From now on they would have to find their own straw and make just as many bricks. So the Israelites had to go all over Egypt looking for straw. It took so much time that they couldn't make as many bricks as before and the slave masters beat them. So now the Israelites were angry with Moses and Aaron.

Moses was so upset that God had done nothing to help. What good had it done for God to send him if it had only made the Pharaoh treat the people worse? God answered Moses, saying, "You are about to see what I will do to Pharaoh. I will force him to let my people go."

Bear, we will continue the story tomorrow. It is about to become very exciting, but we are out of time for today.

Bear Gee, Moses had it rough. I'll bet he wanted to be perfect too so that Pharaoh and the Israelites would listen to him.



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TL Just wait till you hear what happens next. Come back tomorrow.

(Dismiss)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did God get Moses' attention?
- Why did he tell Moses to take off his shoes?
- Did Moses listen to God?
- What was Moses worried about?
- Why did God turn his staff into a snake?
- Why did God allow Moses' brother Aaron to help him?
- How did the Israelite people respond?
- How did the Pharaoh respond?
- How do people respond today to God's word?
- Are you attentive to God's word?
- Are you obedient to God's word?



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CRAFT

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OBJECTIVE: BURNING BUSH CRAFT

Make a design using rope

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors

DIRECTIONS

- Trace hand and wrist on brown construction paper. This will become the woody part of the bush.
- Cut out hand and wrist. Glue onto white construction paper.
- Glue tissue paper to the finger parts of the bush by wrapping a square over the eraser end of a pencil (or flat end of a crayon or marker and gluing the flat part of the tissue to the bush.
- Repeat with more tissue paper until the bush has a nice "fire".
- Optional: draw a pair of sandals next to the bush
- Optional: write a phrase from Exodus 3 such as, "God spoke to him from inside the bush." Or "I AM WHO I AM."

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: HOT POTATO

Kids pass a beanbag (hot potato) around a circle and try not to be holding it when the music stops.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- bean bag
- Music (by CD, guitar or some other method)

DIRECTIONS FOR HOT POTATO

- Kids sit in a circle
- When the music starts pass the beanbag to the person on the right
- Continue passing the beanbag until the music stops
- The person who is left holding the beanbag when the music stops sits in the middle of the circle
- Play again replacing the person in the circle with the next person to have the beanbag when the music stops





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