

Burning Bush

Materials

- Poster of mountain
- Sticky notes

Introduction

Prop the poster of the mountain against the wall. Give everyone a pencil and two sticky notes. Ask everyone to think of a time when someone asked you to do something that was a big challenge. They might have thought it was so hard that it couldn't be done. Encourage them to write one or two challenges on the pieces of paper and stick them on the mountain.

Discuss the items written on the papers. Discuss that those were challenging things to do. Explain that today we will read about a big challenge God gave to Moses. To get a clue of what it is, let's read today's Bible memory verse. Read and practice Exodus 3:12. Discuss: What signs does God give you that remind you of God's promises?

Story

Begin with everyone sitting on the floor in a circle. Explain that you will read the whole story about what God wants Moses to do.

Let's get an update on what's been happening since Moses was a baby. He lived in the same household as Pharaoh's daughter. Moses was like a son to her. When Moses became an adult, he got into serious trouble and ran away. He ended up in Midian, got married, and tended to a flock of sheep. Let's see what's happening in his life now.

Read Exodus 3:1-15.

Discuss: Did you notice how God and Moses are having a conversation? Read the story again. This time, stand up when God is speaking and kneel down when Moses is speaking. When no one is speaking, sit on the floor.

Discuss:

- Who did the most talking in this story?
- Why do you think God needed to set a bush on fire to get Moses' attention?
- How does God speak to us today?
- How can we be better listeners?
- How did God use Moses to fulfill His plan for His people?
- Why do you think God chose to include the story of the burning bush in the Bible?

God blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing to others. The blessing is passed on to Moses through the burning bush, and the blessing comes to us today as well. We are going to bless each other before we leave. Find a partner and face him/her. Turn and face your partner. Place your hands on his/her shoulder, looking them in the eye, and offer the following blessing: God bless you to be a blessing to others, this week and always. Amen.