

# 23. Moses and the Burning Bush

*The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Moses is up on a holy mountain when the angel calls him. Then God spoke to him!
- b. You might ask them if one could have a bush that burned without being burned up. So what was that fire? It was the Lord's love.
- c. Why did he have to take his shoes off because the ground is holy? We would put on our best shoes to go to a holy place. But the shoes he was wearing were the rough sandals that they used for wearing out of doors, and they would take them off when they came into a home. So it was a sign of respect.
- d. Remind them that the Egyptians were a huge people, with lots of soldiers. So we can understand why Moses thought he could never do this job.
- e. The main lesson is that even when things seem impossible, as they did to Moses, the Lord can help us if the thing is very important.
- f. Moses didn't speak well, so the Lord said that his brother Aaron could speak for him. Moses found the courage to go to Pharaoh, but Pharaoh would not let the people go.



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## The Lord Makes Moses a Leader

When Moses was a grown man, he lived with his wife's family in a place called Midian. He looked after the sheep. One day when he was in the wilderness, he came to the mountain of God called Horeb. While he was there he saw an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in the middle of a bramble bush. The bramble burned with fire, but the bush was not eaten up by the fire. And Moses said, "I will go and see this great sight, why the bramble bush is not all burnt up."

When the Lord saw that Moses stopped to see, He talked to him from the middle of the bramble bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "This is me." And the Lord said, "Don't come near. Take off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground."

Then the Lord said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look upon the Lord.

And the Lord said, "I have heard the cries of the children of Israel, and have seen how they have been treated by the Egyptians. Now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, that you may bring my people out of Egypt and take them to the land of Canaan." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to the king of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go. So I will put out my hand and hit Egypt with terrible plagues. Afterwards he will let you go."

Moses said to the Lord, "I don't speak well." The Lord said to Moses, "Is not Aaron your brother? He shall go with you and speak the words which I have spoken to you." Then Moses and his brother Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "The God of Israel says, 'Let my people go.'" But Pharaoh said, "I will not let Israel go."

Then the Lord sent many terrible plagues upon the Egyptians so they might see that He was the Lord God.

Exodus 3-5

