

Learn by Doing

Choice

Burning Bush Diorama

Moses witnessed the miracle of a bush that was on fire but did not burn up! Symbolically, this pictures ideas in the Word being filled with the warmth of the Lord's love (see *Arcana Coelestia* 6832). Re-create the scene on Mount Horeb of the burning bush and Moses kneeling in humility at the sight.



1. In our story today the Lord did a wonderful miracle. Moses saw a bush filled with fiery warmth and light but not burning up—like the warm feelings in our hearts when we know that the Lord, or someone like a parent loves us. We will create a diorama of what happened.
2. Use the *Burning Bush Diorama Photo Directions* (p. 7) to help with this project.
3. **Bush** Give each child a paper lunch bag and a green marker. Color the top of the bag green to give the bush “leaves” when it is finished. Give each child a pair of scissors. Show children how to make cuts that can be twisted to make branches and roots. Have them cut their bags. Help them twist their bags into “bushes”. Tear yellow, orange and red tissue into “flames” and glue or staple to the bush.
4. **Moses** Give each child a copy of *Moses at the Burning Bush* (p. 8) printed on stiff paper. Color and cut around the two pieces. Bend a paper clip to form a letter “L”. Tape the upright part of the L to the back of Moses so that the figure can stand alone.
5. Arrange the diorama to show Moses listening to the Lord with his shoes off at the burning bush.

Materials Needed for Each Child

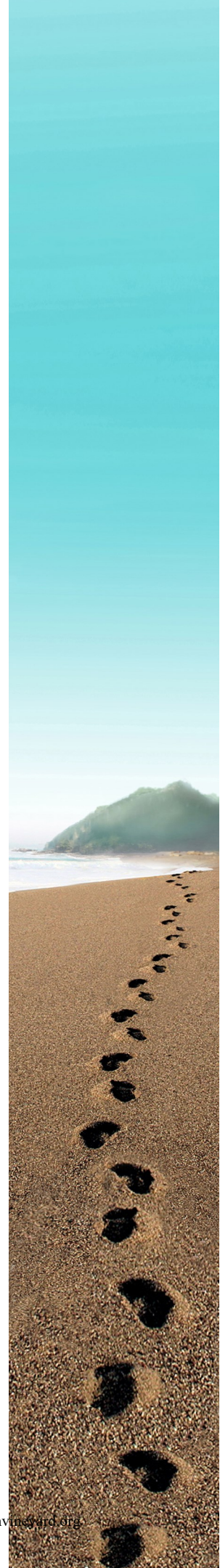
brown paper lunch bag, colored markers or crayons (make sure to have a green marker), scissors, yellow and orange tissue paper, glue, stapler, 2 large paper clips, tape, *Moses at the Burning Bush* p. 3 printed on stiff paper

Prepare in Advance

Gather supplies. Print *Moses at the Burning Bush* p. 3 on stiff paper. Make sample.

New Church Concept Our Feet

It is necessary when a person is being regenerated for his natural to be regenerated right down to the sensory level.... When the exterior parts have been regenerated the whole person has been regenerated.... Jesus said, “He who has been washed has no need except to wash his feet, and the whole person is clean.” John 13:9-10. *Arcana Coelestia* 7442.3



Burning Bush Diorama Photo Directions

- Supplies needed: paper lunch bag, markers or crayons, scissors, yellow and orange tissue paper, glue, *Moses at the Burning Bush* (p. 8), 2 paper clips, tape.



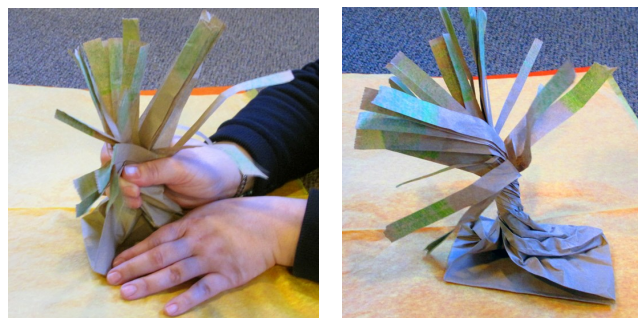
- Color the top half of the bag green using markers or crayons. Color all surfaces, inside the folds, and inside the mouth of the bag.



- Use scissors to make 7-8 cuts in the bag as shown.



- Holding the bottom of the bag firmly on a desk, twist the bag to form the trunk of a bush as shown.



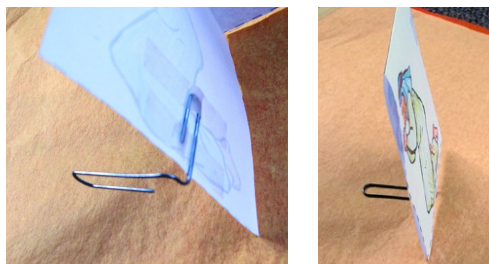
- Carefully twist cut ends into branches.



- Tear yellow and orange tissue paper into flame-sized pieces. Glue or staple to the bush.



- Color Moses and the sandals and rod. Cut out on dotted lines. Open paper clips into an "L" shape. Tape one to the back of Moses and the other to the back of the sandals and rod. Fold pictures down and tape to make them 2-sided.

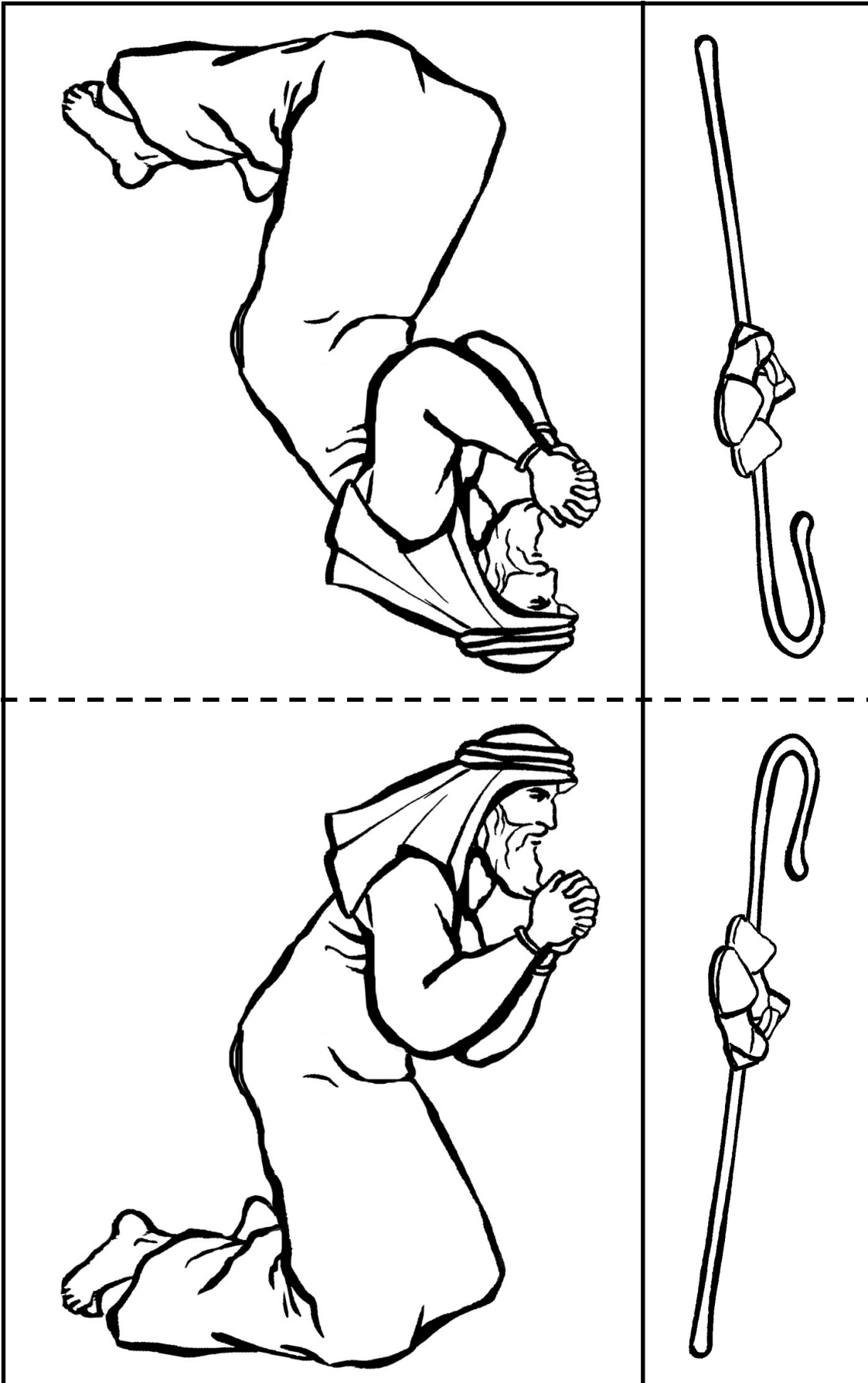


- Assemble diorama.



Moses at the Burning Bush

Print one copy for each student on stiff paper.



Cut out on
solid lines.

Fold here on
dashed lines