Learn by Doing

Choice Burning Bush Luminary



The burning bush Moses witnessed pictures how stories from the Word we have in our minds can become filled with the Lord's love. This happens when we understand their purpose and feel inspired to use them for good in our lives.

This is why the Lord appears as a fiery sun to the angels in heaven—shedding light and giving warmth to all who love and look to Him.

Students will discuss the fire in the bush and create burning bush luminaries.

1. Have you been in a "heated" conversation ? What was it like? What made it "hot"? (Passion or energy for something someone loved.)
2. Did you feel the same level of energy about the topic in your discussion as the person you were talking to?
3. The Lord talks to us in His Word. Do you think He is passionate about what He says there? (Yes!) It is how He talks to us. He wants everyone to enter heaven, but we can only do that if we learn about Him through His Word and do what He says.
4. Can people easily detect the Lord's passion by reading His Word? (Answers may vary.) The Lord wants everyone to choose to follow Him *in freedom*, so He lets us choose to read the Word and learn about Him. How might we feel about following the Lord if we felt forced to do it?
5. When we go to the Word because we want to meet the Lord there and with a desire to do what He tells us, then we are inviting the Lord to fill what we know with the fire of His love—just as the bush burned with fire.
6. Introduce the project. Hand out the *Burning Bush Luminary Directions* (p. 2) and materials.

Materials Needed for Each Student

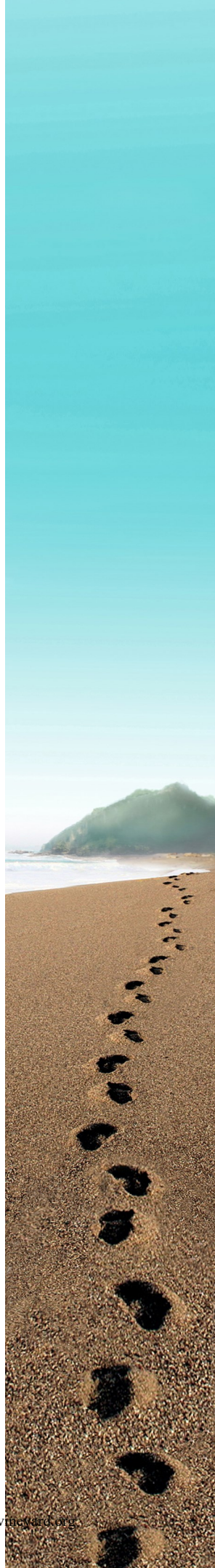
paper lunch bag, black or brown water-based paint, straw, spoon
optional: hairbrush to speed paint drying; tea light candles or electric tea lights, sand or small rocks to weight the bag

Prepare in Advance

Gather supplies. To complete the activity students will need sand to weight the bag and a tea light candle. Choose whether to supply these or suggest students get them at home. Parents may prefer battery powered tea lights since the bags are flammable. Make up water-based paint.

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Fire in the Bush

It is that life-giving fire which fills a person's interiors with warmth, as one may recognize from what happens with love. To the extent that love increases in a person the person warms up; but to the extent that it diminishes the person cools off. This explains why...the Lord appeared...as fire and flame. *Arcana Coelestia* 6832.3



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Burning Bush Luminary Directions



1. **Supplies needed**: drinking straw with bendable end, lunch bag, dark colored water based paint, spoon; *optional*: hairdryer to speed drying, tablecloth to protect from splattering paint, sand to weight bag preventing it from tipping when candle is lit inside, tea light or electric tea light



2. Mix water based paint in a bowl to a runny consistency. (Experiment with paint consistencies until you find one that works for you. Paint shown here is fairly runny.) Drop some paint on to a bag using spoon.



3. Using straw, blow the paint into a bush shape.



4. Steady blowing will create larger "trunks". Short bursts of air will make the paint splatter creating finer "branches".



5. Allow to dry. Use a hairdryer to speed drying if needed.

6. To finish at home, put sand in the bottom of the bag to weight it down and place a tea light or votive candle or electric tea light on the sand. Put the luminary outside at night and light the candle to reveal the bush on fire.



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