Lesson 2.08: MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH — Ex. 3:2-4

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Exodus 3 and 4:1-17.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

Last time you learned about a little Hebrew baby. Do you remember what his name was? (Moses.) A wicked Pharaoh wanted to kill all the Hebrew baby boys, so what did the baby’s mother do with him? (Hid him in a little ark, among the bulrushes.) Then the Lord made someone come to the river at just the right time to find the baby. Who was it that found him? (Pharaoh’s daughter.) She called his name Moses, and took him to be her son, and live with her in her father’s palace in Egypt.

Today we will talk about when Moses was all grown up. He had gone away from Egypt and was living in a land called Midian. But way back in Egypt, all the Hebrews, who are also call the Children of Israel, were very sad. The wicked Pharaoh was making them work very hard, without enough food or rest. Moses knew how sad the Children of Israel were in Egypt and wondered when they would be saved. But for now, Moses was far away in Midian, taking care of sheep.

Retell the story in Exodus 3 and Exodus 4:1-17, simply and in your own words.

Things to emphasize:

1. The Lord speaking from out of the burning bush.
2. The bush being on fire but not burning up.
3. Moses being afraid and unsure that he could do the task the Lord gave him.
4. The amazing signs the Lord gave Moses of His power.
5. Moses continues to feel he cannot do it; the Lord says Aaron his brother will help him.

Discussion Ideas:

Sometimes we might feel like we just cannot do something we are supposed to do, just like Moses. But if we can believe that the Lord will help us to do it, then we can.

The Lord will help us by giving us the strength to do it, like He gave Moses special power. The Lord also provides other people to help us, like He provided that Aaron would help Moses.
**RECITATION**

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord’s Word. I will say a part, and then you say it after me.

“And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush”

**PROJECT**

**Materials:**

Red, yellow and orange tissue
Glue
Blue construction paper
Green construction paper
White construction paper
Brown construction paper

**Doing the Project:**

1. Using the templates below or cutting freehand:
   - ♦ cut a bush out of the green construction paper
   - ♦ cut Moses out of the white construction paper
   - ♦ cut sandals for Moses out of the brown construction paper

2. Glue all of these onto the blue construction paper with Moses next to the bush and his sandals in front of the bush.

3. Then take the tissue paper and rip it into small pieces and glue the pieces all over the bush as fire.

**ALTERNATE PROJECT**

1. Using the line drawing of “Moses at the Burning Bush,” have the children put dots of glue on and around the bush.

2. Give them each some fiery colored tissue paper. Have them rip small pieces of paper and stick them on the glue dots to be the fire.

3. Then have them color the rest of the picture.