



THE BURNING BUSH

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 3

FOCUS VERSES: Revelation 22:13, Psalm 90:2; John 3:16;
1 John 5:13

Summary: God's people were slaves in Egypt and were treated harshly. They called out for God to rescue them. Moses was tending sheep and saw a bush on fire, but it wasn't burning up. God instructed Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that the Israelite people be released. When Moses asked who to say sent him, the Lord responded with, "I AM who I AM." God has always existed and always will. Eventually, the people were freed from slavery in Egypt, just like God said.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(HEBREWS 13:8)



God will forever be God.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:

HE

HOW LONG HAS GOD EXISTED?

God has always existed and will always exist. He was before everything and He has no end.

WE

CAN WE LIVE FOREVER?

When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can have eternal life.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



WHOSE SHOE?

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Some kids might not want to take off their shoes. They can use two pieces of balled colored paper instead (one to hold and one for the pile).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God is unchanging, which means that He never changes and always stays the same. How have you seen this week that God is unchanging?
4. *Gather kids in a seated circle.*
5. **Say:** Let's play a game to get to know each other better!
6. **Say:** We will all take off one shoe and put it in a pile in the middle of our circle. When I start the game, you will grab a shoe, but make sure you don't grab yours!
7. **Say:** After you have grabbed a shoe, go find the person wearing the other shoe. When you find them, tell them who the oldest person in your family is!
8. *Play as many rounds as time allows.*
9. *Use these "get to know you" questions:*
 - Do you like bonfires or fireplaces better?
 - Where is the farthest place from your home that you have visited?
 - Have you ever moved? If so, from where?
 - What is your favorite type of shoe?
 - What is the oldest item your family owns? Will it last forever?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

In today's story, we will see why someone had to take off their sandals! Each of our questions a moment ago is related to our story in some way. Today we are learning about what shoes, a burning bush, traveling far, moving and things that last forever all have to do with each other!



Discipleship DISCUSSION

HOW CAN I KNOW THIS IS TRUE?

Discuss: Do you think scientists ever change their mind?

Say: Sometimes scientists' theories shift as they discover new things. Many scientists used to believe that the universe had existed forever. They didn't think it had any starting or ending point. But now, most believe that there was a start to the universe at some point in time. If the universe had a beginning, someone had to create it and exist before it. We can trust the Bible's explanation that God created the universe and that He existed before it was created. Because no one was around when the universe was created, whatever you believe about creation requires faith—believing without being able to see. Science points to the universe having a beginning. Faith allows us to trust that God is the One who created it and the One who has always existed.

Read Hebrews 11:3 directly from the Bible: *By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

BUT WHAT ABOUT ... WHERE DID GOD COME FROM?

Discuss: Have you ever wondered where God came from?

Discuss: A lot of people ask that question. Why would that be something people wonder about?

Discuss: What does the Bible tell us about that?

Say: When the Lord told Moses "I AM who I AM," He was reminding Moses that He had always existed and always will. He doesn't have a beginning. Because He is God, He is different from people. He was not made by anything or anyone else. He has always existed. That can be hard to wrap our minds around. Everything else that we know of has a beginning. But God is the Creator. He was not created. It is okay if we can't fully understand how that can be true. There are things about God that we will never completely understand because we are humans and He is God. Romans 11:33 says: *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!* We will never understand everything about God, but we can trust He is forever God and He is forever good.



TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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WHAT'S DIFFERENT



FINISH THE STORY

Instructions: Write the beginning of a story on the first line. Pass it to a friend to do the second line. Go back and forth until your story is done!

FIND THE ITEMS

- Find the following items : heart, pencil, sunglasses
fish, feather, paper airplane, hot dog





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BIBLE PASSAGE (EXODUS 3)

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Today's Brite Idea is: God will forever be God.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*Jesus Christ is the same
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and forever.*

(HEBREWS 13:8)



BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!



God lives
forever!



God is always
with us.



God is always
with me.



GUESS WHO?

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids to sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** We will learn a Bible story about a man named Moses. God called him by name and asked him to do something really big!
3. **Say:** I will describe someone in this room, and we will all work together to figure out who it is!
4. *Describe each kid and lead kids to guess who it is.*
5. *Examples:*
 - This kid loves to sing. They have curly hair and a beautiful smile.
 - This kid has beautiful brown eyes and black hair.
 - This kid is new to our group and loves to make new friends.
6. **Ask:** Was it hard to guess who each kid was?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God calls Moses by name in our Bible story. Moses is going to be used by God in a big way. Let's find out what God tells Moses to do.

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE

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