

The Reluctant Prince

Lesson 2 – Exodus 2:16-4:29

Lesson Aim:	To help kids believe that when God gives us a job, he'll always give us the help we need.
Memory Verse	Exodus 2:24-25 – “And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel – and God knew. ”
This week's story	<p>Exodus 2:16-4:29 -- God gives Moses a big job – to return to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to free the Israelites from slavery.</p> <p><i>Alternatively, read through the story, “The Reluctant Prince,” together.</i></p> <p>Video resource: Saddleback Kids: Moses and the Burning Bush (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kNTUX0mWP8)</p>
Main takeaways	<p>When God gives us a job, he'll always give us the help we need.</p> <p>Just as God cared about the Israelites and their suffering, God cares about us.</p> <p>Just as God gave Moses everything he needed to be ready for his big job, he'll make sure we have everything we need for the jobs he gives us.</p>
Potential questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would you do if God gave you a job that was really, really hard for you? • If you could have given Moses advice in the middle of his conversation with God, what would you say to him? • Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt and called all of the Israelite leaders together. They believed what Moses and Aaron told them and showed them. The leaders knew that God had heard their cries for help. Why do you think none of Moses's fears came true? • What does God give you when you go to him for help? Share about a time you prayed to God and he helped you. • Tell about hard jobs God gives you. How can God help you with those hard jobs?
Suggested Activity (Toddlers/Preschool)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring page – God Speaks to Moses • Snake Catch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a rope or skipping rope on the floor. Holding one side, wiggle it around the ground. Ask your child to try and catch the other end

	<p>with their hand. Remind them of how when Moses picked up the snake, it returned to a rod.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's new? God asked Moses to do something new and different. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have kids close their eyes (or briefly exit the room) while you place something new in the room. Have kids open their eyes and try to figure out what the new item is. You can repeat this several times.
<p>Suggested Activity (K-2nd grades)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring page – God Speaks to Moses • Snake Catch – <i>see Toddlers.</i> • What's new? – <i>see Toddlers.</i> • Shoe Bible Verse: God told Moses to remove his sandals when God spoke to him because the ground was holy. Have your child trace his or her shoe on a piece of paper and cut it out. Write this week's Bible verse on the shoe and add laces and decoration to the shoe. Place the traced shoe in a place where it will be a reminder.
<p>Suggested Activity (3rd-5th grades)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Pages – Word Search and Word Scramble • Shoe Bible Verse – <i>See K-2nd.</i> • Tackle a difficult task for God this week. Write it down to remember it. In what ways can you accept a challenge to serve God? Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean your room or do some other chore for a whole week without being asked and without grumbling. • Cheerfully help a brother/sister/friend with homework or a chore. • Make up your mind not to talk back to parents. • Break a bad habit or help a friend do so.

The Reluctant Prince (Exodus 2:16-4:29)

Pharaoh's daughter had adopted Moses when he was a baby. But the Bible says nothing else about Moses' childhood. When he was a man, Moses got into trouble and ran away – all the way to the land of Midian. There he sat by a well.

The priest of Midian had seven daughters who came to draw water and fill the water troughs for their father's flocks. But some shepherds came and chased them away. So Moses jumped up and rescued the girls from the shepherds. Then Moses watered their flocks.

Hearing of Moses's kindness, the girls' father, Jethro, invited Moses to dinner. The oldest daughter, Zipporah, became Moses's wife.

Years passed. The Israelite slaves continued to cry out to God for help, and God heard them.

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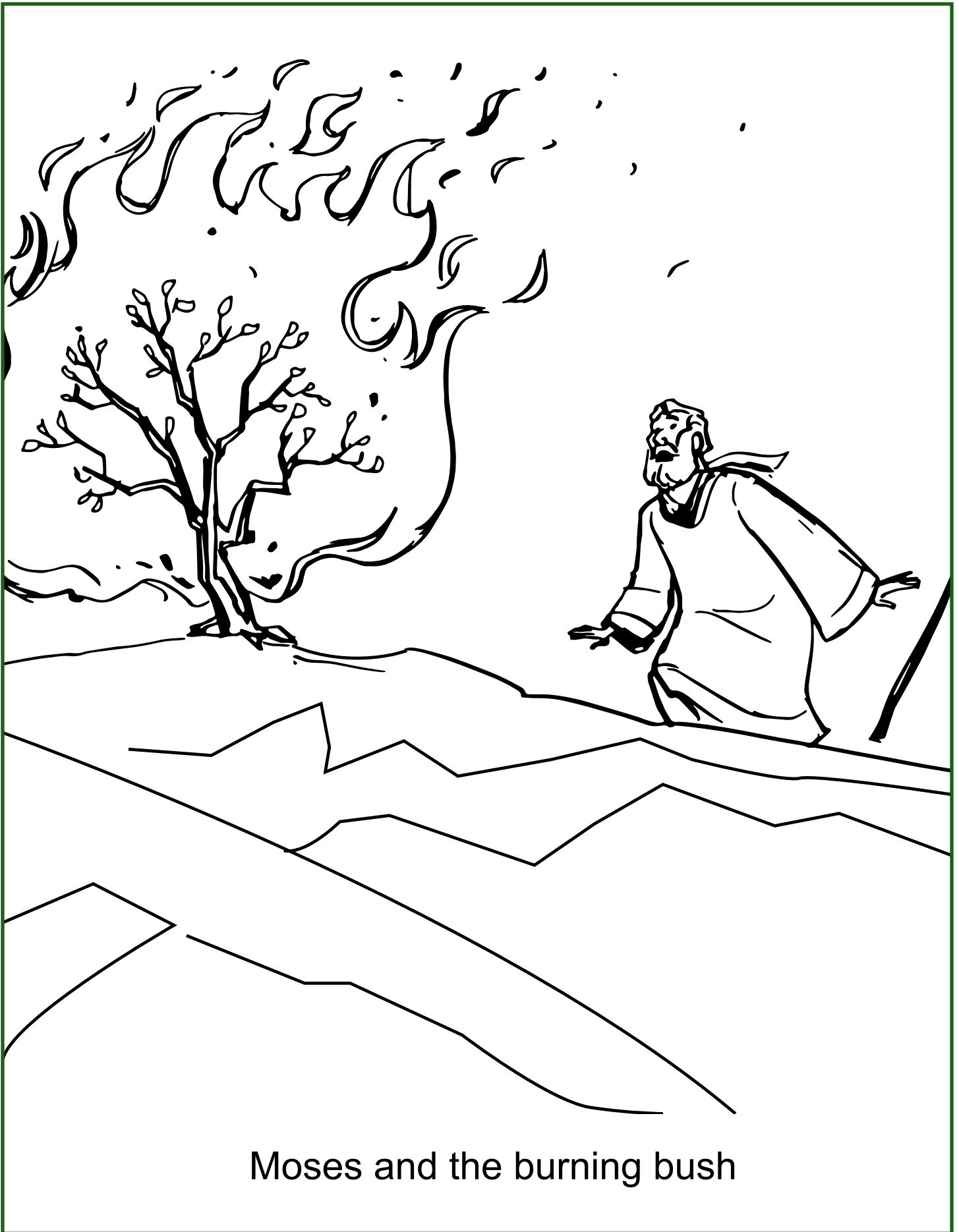
Moses worked for his father-in-law tending sheep. Moses took the sheep far into the wilderness to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. It didn't burn up. “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it.”

When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

“Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord told Moses, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” When God was finished speaking, Moses responded with protests and pleas; he did not want to do as God asked.

Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.” Then the Lord became angry with Moses. “All right,” he said. “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you. Talk to him, and put the words in his mouth. I will be with both of you as you speak, and I will instruct you both in what to do.”



Moses and the burning bush

God Spoke to Moses

Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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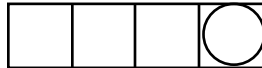
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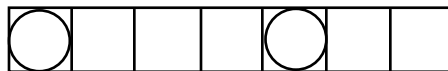
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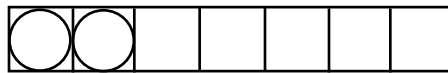
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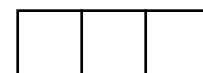
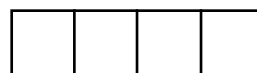
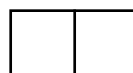
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What did God tell Moses?



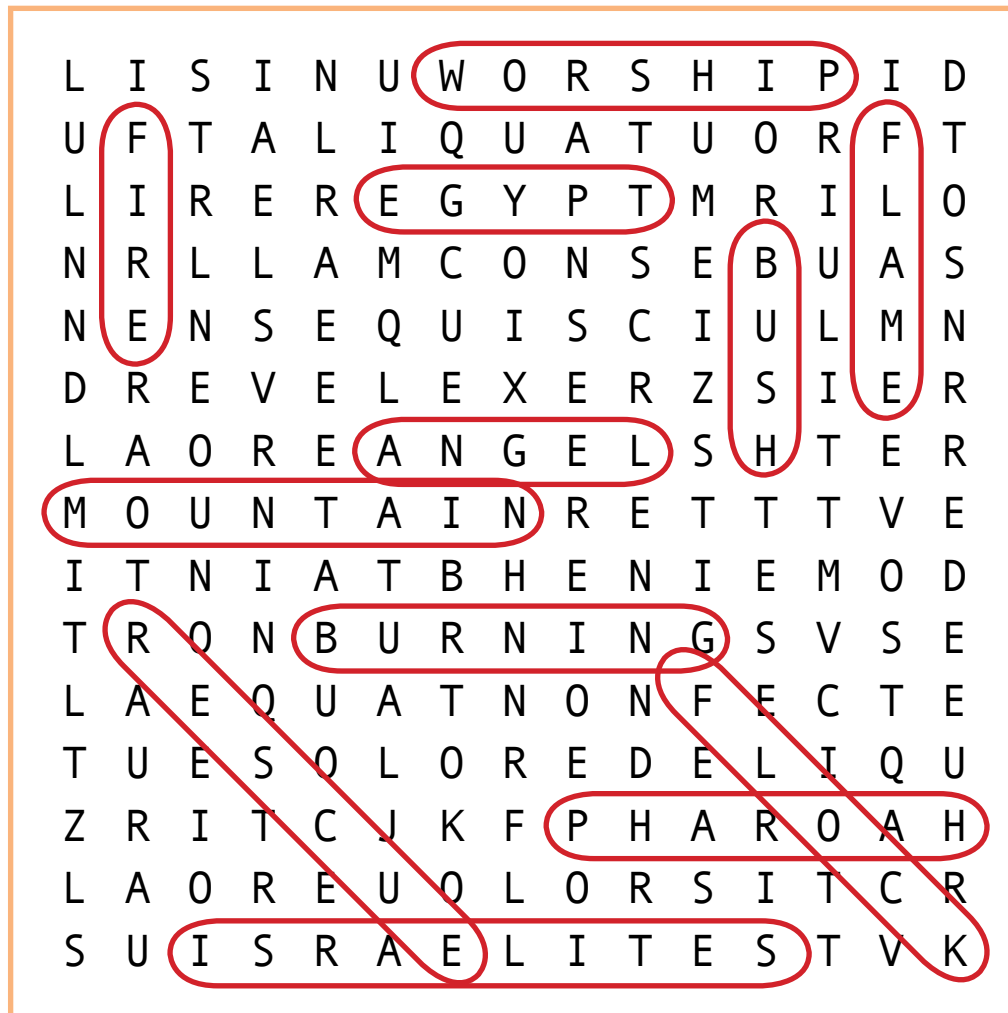
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