



MOSES MOSES

WEEK 3 Exodus 3:1-10



Connect

What is the most unusual thing you have ever seen?

Ask the kids to think of the most unusual things they can think of (whether they have seen it or not).

- A cat that barks?
- A traffic lamp with a blue light?
- A car that can go across the water?

I think most of us would definitely take a second look if we see any of these things or anything that is out of the ordinary. In our story today, a man saw something unbelievable - a bush that was on fire but it was not burning up! It turned out that it was God catching his attention because He was calling him. Let's read the story.



Read the Word

Exodus 3:1-10

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father,[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

God called Moses for a purpose. The people of Israel were being oppressed and they cried out to God. God was sending Moses to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. This was a big task and Moses doubted himself. But when God chooses someone to do something, He never makes a mistake. He knows the people He calls even if they do not think they can do it. You see, God does not look at our qualifications. He looks at our heart - if we will obey Him or not.



Parent to Kid/s:
2-6 years old

- Have you been asked to do something that you have never done before? What was it? Were you able to do it?

7-12 years old

- Do you remember the first time you ever did something by yourself (e.g. swam a lap, rode a bike around your neighborhood, prepared a dish, went to school by yourself, etc). Tell us about it.

Kid/s to Parents

- Has God ever called you to do something you did not feel qualified for? What happened?
- What is God calling you to do this time? What did you do about it?



Dear God, thank You for being mindful of us. You know everything about us and have great plans for us. Help us to do Your will and obey what You say. Align our hearts to Yours and give us the grace to always trust you whenever challenging times come. Thank You for Your great love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



During the burning bush episode (Exodus 3-4), Moses gave God five lame excuses for why he couldn't do what God is asking him to do:

- Excuse one: "Who am I?"
10 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

- Excuse two: "Who has sent me?"
13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

- Excuse three: "What if they won't believe or listen to me?"
Exodus 4:1 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'"

- Excuse four: "I'm not very good with words, what if I get tongue-tied?"
10 Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

- Excuse five: "Send someone else."
13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

But God did not accept all of those excuses, instead He answered all of his questions and reassured him that He will be with him.

Moses had a lot of changes and challenges in his life. But through it all, one thing remained constant, and that is the purpose of God in his life. No one can stop God's plan in our lives. All we have to do is to trust in Him.