

October Weeks 1 and 2



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OVERVIEW CARD

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Key Question:
Bottom Line:

Whose way is perfect?
God's way is perfect.

Memory Verse:

"God's way is perfect."
2 Samuel 22:31, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

God can tell me the right way.
Moses and the Burning Bush
Exodus 3

Coloring Page:

God talks to Moses.

Music:

Great Big God
Who Knows Best
Super Wonderful
Whatever, Wherever

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
The Burning Bush
Pages 98 to 103

Story:

Moses
by Juliet David

Service Time:

69 minutes (week 1)
69 minutes (week 2)

Memory Verse –

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ACTIVITY 1 – 2's/3's only

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Retell Streamers

Big Idea:

Children will play with streamers waving them around as you retell the lesson.

What You Need: Red, yellow, and orange party streamers, and a stapler

What You Do:

During the activity: Have the children stand in a circle, and give each child a stapled streamer. Retell the lesson and allow the children to wave their streamer as you tell the story.

At the end of the activity: Save the streamers for the activity “Ring of Fire.”

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Everyone stand in a circle. (*Hand out streamers*). Let’s pretend to be the fire just like in our lesson today”.

During the activity: “Move your streamers up and down and all around just like the flames of a fire. (*Demonstrate.*) Great job! Today in our lesson, Moses was in a big field with his sheep. Keep your fire moving! And he saw a FIRE! Everyone make your fire really big! (*Demonstrate.*) A bush was on fire, but it did not burn up! It just kept burning. Keep your fires going. Moses’ family was far away and was not being treated very nicely by a mean king, and Moses was very worried about them. As Moses came closer to the fire he heard a deep voice say his name. Let’s all do that. In your deepest voice say, ‘MOSES,’ and remember to keep your fire moving. (*Say, ‘MOSES,’ in deep voice with children several times.*) Good job! Moses was confused, but he said, ‘I am here!’ Do you remember who the voice belonged to? (*Pause.*) Yes! It was God! God was talking to Moses through the burning bush. He told Moses that he was to go to help the people who were being mistreated by the mean king. God told Moses that He would be with him and protect him. Do you remember what Moses did? (*Pause.*) YES! He knew God’s way is always perfect, so he did what God said.”

After the Activity: “God’s way is always perfect and Moses knew that, so when God told him to go on an adventure he did what God said. He was a little afraid, but he knew that God’s way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect? God’s way is perfect!**”

Memory Verse –

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ACTIVITY 2 – 2's/3's only **MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH**

Ring of Fire

Big Idea:

Children will try to toss the bean bags into the Ring of Fire (hula hoops).

What You Need: Hula-hoop; red, orange and yellow streamers from “Retell Streamers” activity; 3 beanbags; and tape

What You Do:

During the Activity: Place the hoop on the floor and place the streamers around the hoop. Choose a place in front of the hoop to have a child stand and try to throw the beanbags inside the hoop. Give each child a try with all three beanbags. Make sure every child has a turn.

After the Activity: Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We have a ring of fire! Let’s play a game with it and see who can throw a bean bag onto the ring!”

During the Activity: (Choose a child to go first.) “Are you ready? Toss the beanbag into the ring! *(Allow the child to toss beanbag.)* Great job! You can try two more times.”
(Continue the activity and give each child a turn.)

After the Activity: “Great job! The ‘Ring of Fire’ game was fun! Our lesson today had fire too. We learned about how God spoke to Moses through a burning bush! That was so crazy, wasn’t it? God is so cool. I wonder what it must have been like to hear God’s voice coming from that bush. God told Moses exactly where He wanted him to go because His way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? God’s way is perfect.**”

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ACTIVITY 3 - ALL MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Fire in the Air – Memory Verse

Big Idea:

Children will play with the parachute while practicing their memory verse.

What You Need: Parachute, and orange, yellow, and red tissue paper

What You Do:

Before the activity: Crumple up the tissue paper into balls and put them in the center of the parachute.

During the activity: Have the children play with the parachute while saying the verse several times together.

At the end of the activity: Clean up all the paper and put away the parachute.

What You Say:

During the activity: “Everyone come sit in a circle with me and grab a corner of the parachute. (Keep the parachute close together to slowly reveal the paper inside.) Now stand up and slowly take two steps back. (Pause.) Super! Now freeze. Okay when I count to three, lift the parachute up really slowly and back down again. One, two, three! (Pause.) Yay! Let’s do it again! One, two, three! (Pause.) This time let’s shake the parachute fast. One, two, three. (Pause.) Whoa!”
(Repeat as many times as desired.)

“We have a new Bible verse and I can’t wait to teach it to you. This one verse tells us that God’s way is perfect! Let’s practice our new verse. Just say what I say. “God’s way is perfect. 2 Samuel 22:31. Good job! Let’s say that again! (Repeat the verse together several more times.)”

At the end of the activity: “That was so much fun! What did it look like when all the colors were flying? (Pause.) It reminded me of the colors of a fire. We heard a lesson today about how God talked to Moses using a burning bush. God’s way is always perfect and Moses knew that, so when God told him to go on an adventure he did what God said. He was a little afraid, but he knew that God’s way is PERFECT! **Whose way is perfect? God’s way is perfect!**”

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's only

MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Simon Says

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun game of "Simon Says".

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Tell the children to mimic your movements **ONLY** if you say, "Simon says," before you do the movement. First say, "Simon Says jump up and down," and jump up and down. Then do not say anything and just start stomping your feet. If any of the children stomp their feet, remind them that they should only do the movements when you say, "Simon says." Continue the activity with the following movements: twirl around, touch your toes, hands in the air, silly dancing, etc.

After the Activity: Review the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Do I have any good listeners here today? Oh, I thought so! I bet you are all excellent listeners. You need to be in our game today. Let's see!"

During the Activity: "I'm going to do a movement and I want you to do it too, but **ONLY** if you hear me say, 'Simon says,' first. If I do not say, 'Simon Says,' then you do not do the movement. Are you ready?" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! It's very important to listen in that game so that you know what to do. Today in our lesson, we learned about Moses! Moses was watching his sheep when he saw a bush. But this bush was special! It was **ON FIRE!** So he walked closer to the burning bush. When Moses got to the burning bush he heard someone talking from the bush! It was **GOD!** God told Moses that He wanted him to go on an adventure and save God's people from a mean king, Pharaoh. Do you remember what Moses did? (*Pause.*) **YES!** He knew God's way is always perfect, so he did what God said."

After the Activity: "God's way is always perfect and Moses knew that, so when God told him to go on an adventure he did what God said. He was a little afraid, but he knew that God's way is **PERFECT!** **Whose way is perfect? God's way is perfect!**"

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only

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Hot Potato

Big Idea:

Children will play a fun game of "Hot Potato".

What You Need: Red or orange playground ball, fun music, and a music player

What You Do:

Before the activity: Set up the music near the play area.

During the activity: Have the children sit in a circle close to one another. Give one child the ball and start the music. Guide them to pass the ball to the child next to them while the music is playing. When the music stops instruct the children to stop passing the ball. The child holding the ball will stand up, say the Bottom Line and return to their seat. When the music starts again, the children will then start to pass the ball again. Repeat as many times as desired.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Let's play a game! I have a ball (*hold up red ball*) and we are going to pretend that this ball is really HOT! It is so hot that we do not want to touch it for very long. (*Juggle the ball from hand to hand like it is hot.*) Let's all sit in a circle (*help the children form a circle*) so we can play Hot Potato!"

During the activity: "Okay, everyone scoot close together. Now when I play the music, pretend that the ball is hot and pass it to your neighbor as quickly as you can. Be careful to only PASS the ball; please do not THROW the ball. Are you ready? (*Give the ball to one child and start the music.*) Pass the ball like it is hot! (*Stop music.*) Who is holding the ball? (*Pause.*) I see that (*name of child*) has the ball. Now you get to stand up and try to say our Bottom Line, don't worry I'll say it with you! (*Encourage the child to stand up and say the Bottom Line.*) Great job! Let's play again!" (*Repeat as many times as desired.*)

At the end of the activity: "That was so much fun! We pretended that the ball was hot and passed it to our friends so that it would not 'burn' us. Today we heard Bible lesson that had something HOT in it too! Do you remember what it was? (*Pause.*) Yes! You are right! It was a burning bush!"

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CRAFT WEEK 1

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Memory Verse Picture Frame

Big Idea:

Children will make a memory verse picture frame to take home.

What You Need:

Door Hanger (4's and 5's) Picture Frame (2's and 3's), stickers (4's and 5's) or stampers (2's and 3's), magnets and memory verse.

What You Do:

Have the children decorate the door hanger/picture frame with stickers or stampers.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "This week we started learning our new memory and WOW is it a Good one! Are you ready! Repeat after me!" (Say a couple of words of the verse at a time, allowing the children to echo. Do this several times and then begin saying the verse different ways together.) Today, we are going to make a door hanger/picture frame displaying our memory verse that you can take home and practice through out the month."

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CRAFT WEEK 2

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Burning Bush

Big Idea:

Children will make a “burning bush” craft to take home.

What You Need: “Burning Bush Craft” Activity Page; green crayons; red, yellow, and orange tissue paper; glue sticks; and scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set out the three colors of tissue paper and glue sticks in the center of the tables for the children to use.

During the Activity: Pass out an Activity Page to each child and allow them to color their picture with the green crayons. Next, show them how to use the glue sticks to put the different colors of tissue paper over the page to create a “burning bush.”

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today in our Bible lesson, we learned about how God spoke to Moses through a burning bush! That was so crazy, wasn’t it? God is so cool. Let’s use our glue and tissue paper to create our own version of the burning bush we heard about in our lesson.”

After the Activity: “Wow! Your pictures are amazing! I wonder what it must have been like to hear God’s voice coming from that bush. God told Moses exactly where He wanted him to go because His way is perfect. **Whose way is perfect? God’s way is perfect.**”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Red Playdoh, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Raise your hand if you like Playdoh. *(Pause and raise your own hand.)* I do too! Today, I have some red Playdoh that we are going to use. Can you name some other things that are red? *(Pause.)* Correct! Those are all great answers! Today, we learned about something else that was the color red. Do you remember what it was? *(Pause.)* You are correct again, red is the color of fire. What was on fire in our lesson? *(Pause.)* Correct again! God used a burning bush to talk to Moses. Wow! That is really AMAZING! Moses heard God calling his name from a burning bush. True story! Can you imagine what that was like? God told Moses the right way to do what He wanted him to do. Moses did what God said because he knew **God’s way is perfect. Whose way is perfect?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: “**God’s way is perfect.**”

SGL: “That’s right! And that means we should do what God says too! Because **whose way is perfect?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: “**God’s way is perfect.**”

SGL: “You are so smart! Great job! Since we’re learning about how God can tell us the right way, I think we should tell God thank You for some of the things He has told us. *(Some children may want help thinking of something to say. Some ideas to get them started are: telling us to obey our parents, share, tell the truth, be kind, pray, work hard and do our best, help others, love God, love people, etc.)* Those are all great things. God has told us a lot of things so we will know the right way.”

“Ok, it’s time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great! *(Ask the children the questions from the “Parent Take Home Cards”. You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don’t forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.)* You are such great listeners!”

“Now I’ll pray before it’s time to say goodbye until next week. *(Read the prayer on the back of the “Parent Take Home Card.”)*”

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