

A Bush Keeps Burning: Obeying God

Introduction

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15, Exodus 4-12 and Exodus 12:50

Key Verse: Psalm 119:40 “I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness.”

Bible Lesson

Lesson Goal: The children will know that when God tells us to do something and we obey his commands, he will help us and bless our life.

Hook: Have the children tell ways in which they obey people in their life on a daily basis. They can list ways they obey parents, babysitters, teachers, etc. After the children have done this, have them list ways they obey God on a daily basis. Talk about what it means to obey.

Scripture to read: Exodus 3:1-15 and Exodus 12:50

(For Exodus 4-12 you will probably want to hit the high points of the times Moses went before Pharaoh and Pharaoh's response. Also, hit the high points of the plagues God sent upon the land of Egypt. Contrast Pharaoh's disobedience with Moses' obedience and how God blessed and helped Moses because of his obedience)

You may want to have some of the older children help with the reading. It may also be helpful to read this passage from the New Living Translation. Be sure to let the children see you reading the Bible story from the Bible. It is important that they know that what you are teaching is from God's word. Help the children follow along in their Bible as the passage is read.

Key Principles:

After reading the scripture passage, discuss and emphasize these key principles from Exodus 3 with the children.

1. Moses had a choice to make and he chose to obey God.
2. Once Moses chose to obey, God helped him to lead the people out of Egypt.
3. Pharaoh did not obey God so many bad things happened to him in Egypt.

Application:

The following questions are appropriate for older children.

1. How did the angel of the Lord first appear to Moses? (burning bush)
2. Who spoke to Moses from the burning bush? (God)
3. What did God tell Moses to do first before leading the people out of Egypt?
4. What did God tell Moses to tell the Israelites? (verse 14-15)
5. How do you think Moses felt when God first told him to go talk to Pharaoh and to the Israelites?
6. How do you think Moses felt after he saw the amazing power of God in dealing with Pharaoh?

The following questions are appropriate for younger children.

1. What did Moses see burning in the desert? (a bush)
2. Who spoke to Moses from the bush? (God)
3. What did God tell Moses to do? (lead the Israelites out of Egypt)
4. Did Moses obey God? (yes)

Activity

Have the children make a place mat or bookmark. Have the children choose a sheet of colored construction paper. In the middle of the paper have them write the key verse Psalm 119:40. Have them draw pictures or cut out pictures from magazines and glue them on the construction paper. You may also want to provide stickers for the children to use to decorate their construction paper. Cover the construction paper with clear contact paper. If you choose to make bookmarks you will need small pieces of construction paper.

Wrap-up

Review the key verse and the key principles with the children. Remind them of the good things that happened to Moses and the people of Israel because Moses chose to obey.

Prayer Time: Lead the children in a prayer time. Allow the children to share prayer requests. Remember to pray for God to teach each child to obey all through the week.

Toddler Time: The activity listed in this lesson is appropriate for young children. You will have to write the verse on the construction paper for the children. Let them stick stickers on the paper to decorate.