



THE BURNING BUSH

BIBLE PASSAGE (EXODUS 3)

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. Speaking from the bush, God instructed Moses to go to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and demand that the Israelite people be released. When Moses asked whom he should say sent him, the Lord responded with, "I AM who I AM." God has always existed and always will. God rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt, just like He said He would.

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



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today
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.

LEADER TRAINING: ATTENTIVENESS IS CARE

Preschoolers are small, curious and full of joyful energy. They explore, climb and wander ... often faster than we notice! Keeping our eyes on the room shows kids that we serve a God who has His eyes on them.

- **Vigilance Is Care.** When we stay attentive, kids feel safe and valued. Every eye contact, leading with clear instruction, and setting boundaries communicated you value them.
- **Classroom Rules.** Setting clear expectations helps kids know what is to be expected of them in your space. Lead with care by setting classroom rules, such as listening to teachers, and keeping hands and feet to themselves.
- **Intentional Observation.** Scan the room, notice small details and be aware of each kid's location and needs. Your awareness reflects God's watchful care over His own.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: WHERE DID GOD COME FROM?

Kids are taught that everything has a beginning. Babies and puppies are born, chickens come from eggs and plants come from seeds. But where did God come from? This question is one of the most commonly asked by kids. As concrete thinkers, it is challenging for them to grasp that God has no beginning. In today's lesson, kids will learn that God is eternal. He has always existed and will exist forever. Emphasize that He has no beginning and He wasn't created. Point out that this is one of many ways that God is different from people and all His creation. Help kids understand that there are parts of God that we will never fully grasp with our human minds, and that's okay!

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Eternal: always existed
and always will

Pharaoh: a great ruler

Plagues: a very bad
thing that causes disaster

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BELONG

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

GUESS WHO?

SUPPLIES: None

2

BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (15 MINUTES)

THE BURNING BUSH (EXODUS 3)

SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

3

BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

GOD LIVES FOREVER

SUPPLIES: Hula Hoop, 6 beanbags

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BECOME

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

SPINNING TOPS

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, toothpick (2 per kid), scissors (prep)



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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(EXODUS 3)

Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.



Say: Today's true story comes from the book of Exodus in the Bible. Joseph's family grew really big just as God had promised. God kept His promise. Can you say, "Hooray!"? *Repeat with kids.*

Say: The family became known as the Israelites. A new king, called **Pharaoh**, ruled over Egypt. **Pharaoh** was afraid of the Israelites because there were so many of them. He made them work very hard. The Israelites were very sad. Everyone make a very sad face. *Demonstrate for the kids.* They called out to God. They asked God to save them. God heard their prayers.

Say: In another land outside Egypt, an Israelite named Moses was taking care of his sheep. What sound does a sheep make? Baaa! Suddenly he saw a burning bush! The bush was on fire, but it did not burn up!

Say: God called to Moses from the bush: "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am," Moses said. God said, "Do not come closer. Take off your sandals. This is holy ground." Then God told Moses who He was—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Say: The Lord promised to rescue the Israelites and give them a new land. This was the same land He had promised to Abraham! God told Moses to go to **Pharaoh** and tell him, "Let my people go!" Moses asked whom he should say was sending him with this message.

Say: God replied, "I AM who I AM." God was saying He has always been God. He is God forever! Moses went to speak with **Pharaoh**, just as God had told him to do. **Pharaoh** didn't want the Israelites to go. But God sent great **plagues** until **Pharaoh** said, "Get out!" The Israelites were rescued, just like God had said.

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POINT TO JESUS

Say: God is forever God. Just like the Israelites were stuck in Egypt, we are stuck in our sin. We need a Rescuer. God's own Son, Jesus, is that Rescuer! He loves us forever!

WRAP-UP:**BIG QUESTION**

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Does God ever change? No!



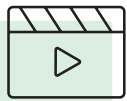
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**VERSE VIDEO**

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

*Help kids recite and retain the memory verse
by teaching it with motions. Before you teach
the verse, be sure to explain what it means.*

- Jesus Christ (point to the palms of your hands)
- is the same (clap your hands)
- yesterday (point backward)
- and today (point down)
- and forever. (point out)
- Hebrews 13:8 (open hands like a book)

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GOD LIVES FOREVER

SUPPLIES:

Hula Hoop, 6 beanbags

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned God lives forever. God spoke to Moses in a burning bush and rescued the Israelites from Egypt. God reminded Moses that He is and always will be God, the great I AM.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** God lives forever, which means that God will always be there. This Hula Hoop is a circle. A circle never ends. It can help us understand how God is forever and will never have an end.
2. **Say:** We will each take turns throwing two beanbags into the Hula Hoop. When you throw the beanbags, say, "God lives forever!"
3. *Lay down the Hula Hoop and line up kids behind it. Give the first kid two beanbags to throw into the Hula Hoop.*
4. *Encourage other kids to clap and cheer them on. Help the kid throwing the beanbags say, "God lives forever!"*
5. *Repeat the activity, giving every kid a turn or several turns as time allows.*
6. **Ask:** Will God always be there?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God will always be there. He lives forever! We trust in God and know that He will always be with us.



SPINNING TOPS

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, toothpick (2 per kid), scissors (prep)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page and cut out (2 circles per kid).

LEADER TIP: For an example, see our resource page at: britecurriculum.com/resources

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** God will always be God. God will never change. Today we learned God spoke to Moses and rescued His people, the Israelites. God always keeps His promises and will always be with us.
2. **Say:** We will make two fun spinning tops per kid. When we spin them, we can remember that even though the tops will stop spinning, God never stops—He will always be with us!
3. *Pass out two pre-cut circles per kid. Lead kids to color in and decorate their circles with the coloring supplies.*
4. *Then use the toothpick to poke a hole through the center of each circle.*
5. *Demonstrate how to spin the spinning tops.*
6. *As kids spin them, have kids say, "God is always with me! God will never change. I can count on God."*
7. *Write each kid's name on their craft and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did Moses take off his sandals?
- Whom did God tell Moses to speak to?
- Did Moses think he could help rescue God's people?
- Did God keep His promise?



PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, thank You for this Bible story. Help us know that You are always with us. We love You so much. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Rolling Center:** Put various-sized balls into a Hula Hoop. Encourage kids to roll the balls around. As the balls spin in a circle share how God's love is never-ending.
- **Animal Rescue:** Wrap animal figurines with aluminum foil. Encourage kids to rescue the animals by unwrapping them. Share how God's people were rescued just as God had promised.
- **Echo Station:** Provide cups for kids to speak into and make their voices echo. Share how God spoke to Moses, calling him by name and telling him how to rescue God's people.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time or while waiting for parents.

Say: God's people called out to God to rescue them. Moses saw a burning bush. God spoke to Moses and told him to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go. God reminded Moses who He was, saying, "I AM who I AM." God has always been and will always be God. He rescued the Israelites from Egypt, just as He said He would.



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