Lesson 36: Moses Meets God at the Burning Bush

Exodus 2:11-3:20

Youtube Link: <u>https://youtu.be/CaYPwirjfFw</u>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/1oWI- 67XNU

Worship Theme: God is powerful!

Memory Verse: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. (Ps. 147:5)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. Our God is Awesome https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ
- 2. When the Storm Comes https://youtu.be/II5A7jKQb2o
- 3. Jesus, I trust You https://youtu.be/Vq_yIn2huAM

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: "God is Powerful"

Materials Needed: Paper, pencils



1. Divide the children into groups of 3-4 people.

2. Give each group paper and pen and ask them to write down things that show God is powerful.

3. The group that wrote the most things wins

the game! (Answers: ocean, thunder, lightning, tornadoes, mountains, sunsets, forests, healing, forgiving, and more.)

Introduction:

Moses grew up in the palace after he was rescued by the pharaoh's daughter, the Egyptian princess. One day Moses saw an Egyptian soldier beating up an Israelite man. Even though Moses grew up in the palace, he knew that he was an Israelite. Moses became angry and killed the Egyptian soldier. After the murder, Moses ran away because Pharaoh found out about it and wanted to kill him in return. Moses went to a faraway place and stayed there a long time. Meanwhile, God's people were still in slavery back in Egypt, crying out to God to save them. Who can save the Israelites from the Egyptians?

Bible Story:

In a far away land called Midian, Moses was tending his sheep, and an awesome thing happened. God wanted to speak to Moses, but God needed to get his attention first. So God set a bush on fire in his awesome power. The bush was on fire, but it didn't burn

up! God got Moses' attention! God spoke to Moses from the bush and told him to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let God's people go.

This was not an easy decision for Moses because the Pharaoh wanted to kill him. And he was not sure if the people of Israel would listen to him. But Moses obeyed. God got Moses' attention with his awesome power in the burning bush. Then his powerful love won Moses' heart. And his powerful wisdom made Moses want to obey him. Moses responded by doing everything God told him. Let's be like Moses and obey God because he is awesome!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What did Moses see outside of the palace? (an Egyptian soldier beating an Israelite man)
- 2. What did Pharaoh want to do when he found out that Moses killed an Egyptian soldier? (the Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses)
- 3. What did God do to get Moses' attention? (He set a bush on fire but the bush did not burn up)
- 4. What did God want Moses to do for Israel? (Go back to Egypt and save the Israelites from slavery)
- 5. How do you think God is using you for your family, community, and others? (Let the children answer)

Game: "Jesus Says"

The children have to do whatever the leader says when they say, "Jesus says..."

Memory Verse: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. (Ps. 147:5)

Craft:





1. Get a paper, fold it, and cut out a square in the middle.

2. Ask the children if they think you can fit through the square. The children will say that you will not fit through the square because the square is too small.

3. Then, cut the folded paper as shown on the right.

4. After you're done cutting, open up the paper.

5. Now ask the children if they think you can fit through the paper. Yes, you can, because it is big enough.

6. Even if some things in life seem impossible, with God's power, everything is possible!

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Devotion for Teachers (Please read and pray before the class)

Many people struggle with feelings of uselessness. Thankfully, Jesus will use anyone who is willing to follow and serve him. Moses had doubts about himself but accepted that God had chosen him for a special task. Do you have a failure or experience that you fear has disqualified you from fully serving God? Confess your concern to God, and allow him to encourage you with the truth: God will use anyone who is willing to serve. Thank you for serving God's children!