#### The Call of Moses

Exodus 2:11 - 4:20

## The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Did you ever see a fire in a fireplace or at a campfire? The wood burns and gets very black and turns to ashes. The same thing happens in the forest sometimes to trees and bushes! But we are going to learn about a bush that was on fire but didn't burn!

Moses grew up as a prince in the palace of Egypt. He was raised as an Egyptian even though he was an Israelite. When he was older he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave and Moses killed the Egyptian. He was in trouble for that and had to run away from the palace of Egypt.

Moses went to the land of Midian and became a shepherd. One day while Moses was in the desert watching the sheep he saw a bush burning with fire but the bush did not burn to ashes. The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in the burning bush. The Angel of the LORD called to him and said, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "Here I am."

God said, "Take off your shoes, for this is holy ground." And Moses hid his face; he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have seen that my people in Egypt are very sad. I have heard their prayers to me for help. I want you to go and help the children of Israel and lead them to a good land where they will be happy."

Moses heard God, but he was afraid, and said, "Who am I to do this? It will be too hard for me. I cannot speak well and the people of Israel will not believe that You have sent me. Who shall I say has sent me?"

God answered, "Tell them that I AM has sent me to you."

God answered, "I will send your brother Aaron to speak for you. I will also give you signs to show them that you have come from me." Now Moses was ready to go to Egypt and do what God had said. On the way he met his brother Aaron and together they went to help the people of Israel.

With God's help Moses would lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the promised land of Canaan.

Moses received a special call from God.

The Lord calls us to carry out the work of His kingdom.

### **Passage**

1 Samuel 12:20 "Do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart."

**Hymn** - TLH 400 v. 5

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

### **Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your forgiveness and for always being near us. In Your name we pray. Amen



## **Classroom Activity - Heart Puzzle**

Before class cut out the heart into puzzle pieces. Help the child put the puzzle back together and read the Bible passage from the story. Discuss how our God in heaven is the I AM God. Optional Activity: Cut out the pieces and glue to a colored construction paper. Cut around the heart, punch holes at the top and thread yard through to make a door hanger or necklace.



# **Classroom Art Activity**

Have small pieces of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper cut or torn out for each child. Help the child use glue stick to glue the tissue paper onto the bush below to show the flames. Color the rest of the picture. You may also want to find a small twig to glue on as the wooden part.

