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**Activity One** - Cut out the puzzle and put it back together.



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.

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It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
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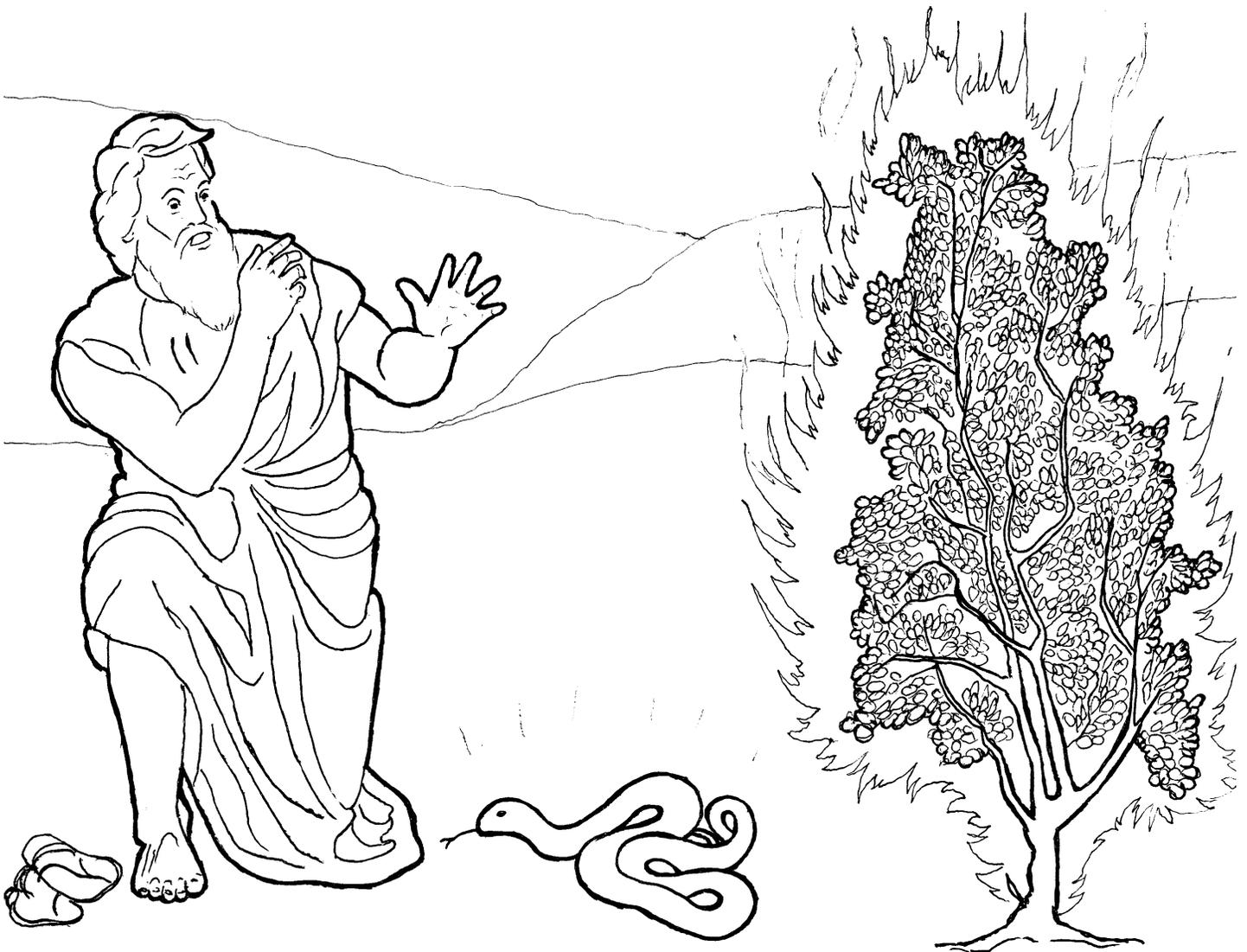
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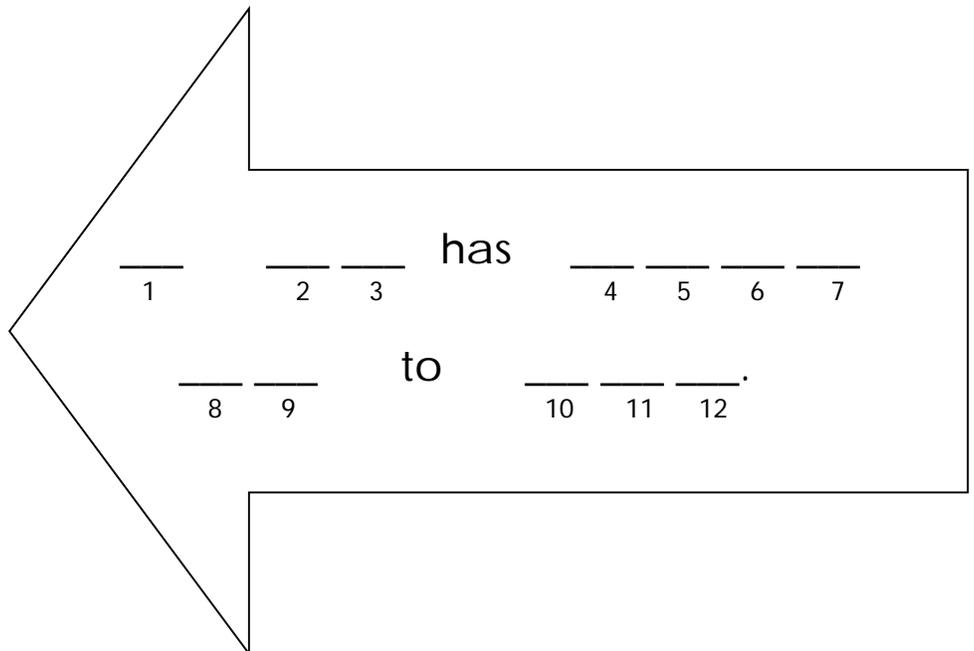
## Activity One - Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer.

1. Moses was living in Midian and was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(shepherd, farmer, carpenter)
2. Moses saw a \_\_\_\_\_ bush. (green, burning, fallen)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to Moses from the burning bush.  
(Peter, Satan, God)
4. Moses was \_\_\_\_\_. (laughing, hopping, afraid)
5. God sent Moses to \_\_\_\_\_. (Germany, Egypt, Alaska)
6. God wanted Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Israel.  
(lead, chase, feed)
7. Moses heard God and went to help God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(animals, people, flowers)

## Activity Two - Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers.

God said to Moses ...

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{18} "Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' {19} "But I am sure

that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. {20} "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

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{6} Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow.

{7} And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh.

{8} "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. {9} "And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. And the water which you take from the river will become

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{10} Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

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**What the Story Tells Us** - Fill in the blanks with the best answer from Exodus.

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2. Moses \_\_\_\_\_ and Egyptian when he saw him beating a Hebrew man.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ heard what Moses had done.
4. Moses left Egypt and went to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Moses married Reuel's daughter, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Moses became a \_\_\_\_\_ while living in Midian.
7. God spoke to Moses from a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. God asked Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Israel.
9. Moses was \_\_\_\_\_ to go to talk to the people of Israel.
10. God helped Moses by sending his brother, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**(T)rue or (F)alse**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Moses was brave at first and not afraid.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Moses felt he could not speak very well.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ God made Moses's staff work to help him.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron was not glad to go with Moses.
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## Hymn - TLH 41

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**What the Story Tells Us - Retell the story in 6 sentences.**

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**Inner Aim - The Lord calls human instruments to carry out the work of His kingdom.**

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**For Discussion** - Discuss the Inner Aim above and the following questions.

Do we ever receive a special call from God?

How can we know when this happens?

What are some of the special attributes you may have that will help you?

Can weaknesses be overcome and help you?

Why are we sometimes afraid to act for God?

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Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

**Hymn** - TLH 416 Consider your strengths and weaknesses. How can this hymn help you?

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Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands — 'tis a delightful road —  
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God. Amen

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
We thank You for calling us into Your kingdom and blessing us with Your forgiveness and love. We pray that You will fill us with Your Spirit that we may gladly serve You in any way we can that Your name may be glorified and Your kingdom come to many. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

**STORY**

The Call of Moses - Exodus 2:11 - 4:31

**TEACHER PRAYER**

Lord God, I thank You that You have called me into Your kingdom and poured out Your blessings of forgiving love in Christ Jesus upon me. Now, as Your disciple devoted to You I desire to serve You with my whole heart. Be with me, oh, Lord, as I serve You in leading the little children to You who have been placed into my charge as a teacher in Your kingdom of grace. Give me Your Spirit that I may serve You well in helping them to see You as their loving Savior and Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen

**VOCABULARY**

*rod* - shepherd's staff.

*Angel of the Lord* - Some believe this refers to the second person of the Trinity, the Son

*I AM THAT I AM* - The name given to God by Himself - the one unchangeable, ever-living and eternal God of heaven and earth.

**OUTER AIM**

Moses receives a special call from God.

**INNER AIM**

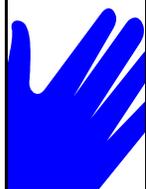
The Lord calls human instruments to carry out the work of His kingdom.

**BACKGROUND**

*(Rupprecht Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 152-156)*

Moses grew up in the palace of the Pharaoh. He was cared for like a son of Pharaoh's daughter. There he grew up amidst the gorgeous surroundings and atmosphere of princely living. He was given what was considered to be the best education available. Egyptian history, culture and religion was to be part of the life of Moses. He learned of the worship of false gods such as the sun god Ra and other deities that were invented by the Egyptians. We can only imagine the deep conflict which must have existed between what he was learning as an Egyptian and what his mother had taught him as a child. 2:11-15

Although he must have been aware of the situation under which his fellow Hebrews labored, yet we are told that when he was forty years of age (Acts 7:23) he observed the especially cruel treatment of one of the children of Israel. He became enraged by the beating which he observed and killed the Egyptian. When Moses became aware that Pharaoh heard of it, he left Egypt and fled for his life to Midian. Midian lies in Arabia near the northeastern arm of the Red Sea. Was Moses right in committing this murder? Certainly not. Even though coming to the aid of his people was evidently very strong in his mind and heart, he was approaching the matter, not according to the will of God but according to his own plan of action. (Acts 7:25) 2:16 - 22



Moses, who grew up in luxury, now found himself in the rural desert land of Midian. There he became a shepherd of the flocks of Reuel (also called Jethro 3:1; 4:18; Numbers 10:29) the priest of Midian and eventually married his daughter Zipporah.2:23 - 3:10. Forty years had passed (Acts 7:30) since Moses had left Egypt. He was now eighty years of age and continued as a shepherd. His shepherding led him southward as far as Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai). There God choose to speak to Moses out of a burning bush with one request: "I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." (Ex. 3:10) (3:11 - 4:17)

Moses had four serious considerations:

1. "Who am I?"
2. "What is His name?" ("Who shall I say has sent me?")
3. "They will not believe me."
4. "I am slow of speech." (Ex. 4:18 - 31)

Finally, Moses returns to Egypt as deliverer of the children of Israel according to the will of God. The people bow their heads and worship their gracious God.

### **STUDENT PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for calling me into Your kingdom and blessing me with Your forgiveness and love. I pray that You will fill me with Your Spirit that I may gladly serve You in any way I can that Your name may be glorified and Your kingdom come to many. In Your holy name I pray.

### **PRESENTATION**

From the birth of Moses and his discovery in the reeds by the Princess to his calling as deliverer of the Children of Israel the Lord God guides, leads and brings about happenings according to His will. Yet, Moses was not like a puppet on a string. He had his weaknesses as well as his strengths. Nevertheless, the Lord God used him to accomplish what He willed in His own way and time.

To accomplish His purpose God used others who would aid Moses in carrying out His plan. The mother of Moses apparently taught him all about the one true God and the promises of the Messiah. God used Aaron, the brother of Moses, to be the "spokesman to the people" on behalf of Moses.

God's hand in the life of Moses was obviously operative in accomplishing His plan for His people and finally His plan of salvation for the whole world.

### **APPLICATIONS**

What do the questions of Moses found in Ex. 3:11 and 4:17 reveal about this man who has now arrived at the age of 80 years?

Consider such attributes as confidence, courage and faith in the life of a Christian. Discuss the significance of the name God gives to Himself, I AM.

All of us have weaknesses as well as strengths. God uses us just as we are for the work of His kingdom. Discuss abilities that God has given each of us and how we might use them to glorify and praise God.

How does God overcome weaknesses in each of us?

## **PASSAGES**

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

### Lower

Isaiah 49:15 - *Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.*

Peter 5:5b - *God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

### Middle any of the above and...

Acts 7:22 - *And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.*

### Upper any of the above and...

Hebrews 11:24-25 - *By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,*

## **HYMN CHOICES**

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (TLH #400)

"Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways" (TLH #416)

"The King Of Love" (TLH #431)

"What Is The World To Me" (TLH #430)

# 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.

