



Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-10

Items Needed

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Pencils/Crayons/Markers
- ✓ Copies of coloring page
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



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Objective of Lesson

The thorny bush that is burning, but not turning to ash, is a picture of Jesus Christ - the Son of God. How? Christ came to earth to be a man (the thorny bush) and suffer the punishment of God for our sins (pictured in the fire) and yet not be destroyed in God's judgment (the fact the bush did not burn up).

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Lesson Instructions

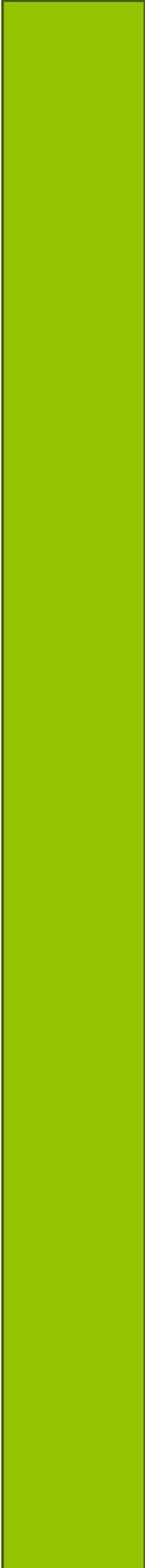
1. Today we are going to talk about the story in the Bible we refer to as Moses & the Burning Bush. Moses was a shepherd at this time in the Bible and he

was going about his work taking care of the sheep in the desert. Suddenly, while he was tending Jethro's sheep, Moses came upon an eye-popping scene. He would, in the days to come, see many amazing things; but nothing would make such a lasting, life-long impression upon him as this did.

2. What he saw that day would change and control his life forever. He never forgot it. In fact, he spoke of this scene and the things he saw and heard on this day when he was about to die (Deut. 33:16). Suddenly, he saw a bush burning with fire, and "the bush was not consumed".
3. What does that mean? That means the bush burned but it did not burn up to ash. You have seen a fire. When a piece of wood or leaf burns it turns to ash and blows away. But this bush, it just kept burning, and never did turn black and fall apart.
4. Why do you think God showed Moses this? Do you think God did this to surprise and entertain Moses? Do you think it was given to him just for a hair-raising, thrilling, sensational and cool thing to look at? NO!
5. Why did God set this bush on fire but did not burn it up? First, "the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame." —Do you know what an angel is? The word "angel" means "messenger." We do not have to guess who this Angel, this heavenly Messenger is. It is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ himself who appeared to Moses in the flame. (The Bible, only and always, reveals God through His Son Jesus Christ. - Mal. 3:1; John 1:18).
6. This thorny bush that was burning but not turning to ash is a picture of Jesus Christ - the Son of God. How? Christ came to earth to be a man (the thorny bush) and suffer the punishment of God for our sins (pictured in the fire) and yet was not destroyed in God's judgment (the fact the bush did not burn up). Our Lord of Glory, in God's appointed time, appeared on this earth in human flesh, in our poor nature, as one of us (God in our nature) that He might suffer all the fire of God's holiness, justice, and wrath - as our Substitute. Substitute means he took our place.(John 1:14; Phil. 2:5-8)
7. What is our horrible sinful & rebellious nature, but a poor, dry, old thorny

bush at best. It is only fit for burning? When the Lord Jesus carried our sins in His own body on the cross, and took on all the wrath of God for us, He was burned with the fire of God's anger and offended justice. There was one great difference: —unlike all the Old Testament sacrifices which were consumed by the fire, Christ, our great Sacrifice, was not consumed by the fire, but quenched the fire of God's wrath forever. (Isa. 53:4-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Col. 2:9-14)

8. This story also teaches us something else... Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes? The reason is because it was holy ground. What does holy mean? It means perfect and clean - cleaner than anything you have ever seen. God is of such a holy nature that the slightest particle of dirt from Moses' shoes would contaminate that ground upon which He revealed Himself. Taking off his shoes symbolized reverence and godly fear. (Num. 5:1-3; Jos. 5:15)
9. What does all this have to do with us? The burning bush speaks to us, just as it did to Moses, about the greatness of our God and the need to respect or reverence Him. The burning bush tells us that God always takes care of His chosen people. Many things happen in this world; we get in trouble, we feel pain and have troubles in our lives, and as long as we are in this world, they will never cease. These fires will never harm us in any way, because our God will bring all His people home to heaven perfect and clean (holy) from our sin - not one will be missing.
10. He is God; yet He stooped to become a man. He is man; yet He is God over all and blessed forever. If He were not God, His blood could not pay for our sins. If He were not man, He had no blood with which to pay. Someone once said, "God could not suffer and man could not satisfy; but the God-man has both suffered and satisfied." — "Behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."



Lesson Activities

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