



SESSION 4

BIBLE STORY

Moses and the Burning Bush
Exodus 3

HERO CODE

God's Heroes Face Their Fears

HERO VERSE

"Do good! Seek peace and go after it!" Psalm 34:14B

MATERIALS

- Bible Story Poster

EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE STORY

TRANSITION INTO THE BIBLE STORY

Invite children to stop their current activity and prepare for the Bible Story by joining in this Action Rhyme.

Calling all Heroes (cup your hands around your mouth)

Far and Near ...

Gather around. There's a story to hear!

Oh my goodness, there's so much to do ...

Come on, Heroes ... We're waiting for you!

BIBLE STORY POSTER

Place the poster for Session 4 at child's eye level.

Have the children gather around the poster. Let's use our superhero vision to look at today's story poster! Look carefully, Heroes. What do you see?

Invite the children to place their hands around their eyes (like binoculars) and use their "hero vision" to look at the Bible story poster. Invite the children to take turns identifying story elements from the poster. Ask question to review today's story. Show children the poster before and after the telling of the Bible story.

GET READY

It's time for today's Bible story. Let's move to our story circle together. Please bring your items with you.



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY

MOSES SAW A BURNING BUSH

- *[Be sure to start with your Bible sitting on your lap.]*
- *[Moses had grown up in Pharaoh's palace. He had been treated very well, because he was Pharaoh's daughter's adopted son.]*
- But Moses' people (the Israelites) were NOT treated well. They were slaves in Egypt.
- When Moses grew up, he found that he wanted to help his people... But what could he do? In the end Moses got in trouble trying to help. He had only made things worse. Moses left.
- Moses went to a place called Midian. There he met a priest of God, named Jethro. Jethro gave Moses a job and let him marry one of his daughters. Jethro was kind to Moses and taught him.
- One day, after Moses had been there for 40 years, he took Jethro's herd of sheep across the desert to a mountain.
- There on the mountain Moses saw something amazing! He saw a bush that was burning... but it didn't burn up!! What would you do if you saw something like that? *(Wait for answers.)*

MOSES APPROACHED AND GOD SPOKE TO HIM

- Moses did what any of us might have done if we had seen a burning bush... He went up closer to look at it!
- When Moses got closer, Moses heard God calling his name.
- God said "Moses! Moses!" What would you do if you heard God calling your name like that? *(Wait for answers.)*
- Would you answer God? If you did, what would you say? *(Wait for answers.)* Maybe you would say... "Here I am!"
- Well, that's just what Moses did! Moses answered God and said "Here I am!" *(How about that!?!)*
- Then God said something really amazing...

MOSES WAS ON HOLY GROUND

- God told Moses not to come any closer.
- And He told Moses to **TAKE OFF HIS SHOES** because the place



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where he was standing was Holy Ground.

- Oh, my! How amazing! God said that it was holy ground and that Moses wasn't to come any closer AND he was supposed to take off his shoes. [OPTIONAL: I think we should take off our shoes right now... Just because we are telling this story.]
- *[Invite everyone to take off their shoes. Take some time to let them take off their shoes and to line them up against the wall. After everyone is seated again, tell the rest of the story.]*
- Look at all those wiggly toes! Those toes are a-mazing!
- Moses took off his shoes because he was on Holy Ground.

GOD TOLD MOSES HIS PLAN

- God told Moses to take off his shoes. But that is not all God told him. God told Moses his plan! God had a plan to rescue the Israelites and bring them out of Egypt and into a new land He had for them: A Promised Land flowing with "milk and honey."
- *That's great! The Israelites wouldn't be slaves anymore! Moses must have wondered how God was going to do this.*
- Then God told Moses "I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people (the Israelites) out of Egypt."
- Wow! I wonder what Moses thought about that? God says, "OK... Now, go... Go on... Get on down there to Pharaoh's house and tell him to let my people, the Israelites, go." And Moses is just sitting there wondering things like... "Why did I ever come up here? What was I thinking? Why did I come to see this burning bush? Or even... "Where did I put my shoes?"
- Ever had a job you weren't sure you could do? *(Wait for answers.)* Moses seemed really worried about this new job.
- So, Moses says to God... "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
- But God told Moses, "I will be with you."
- That's really comforting, isn't it? God promised Moses that He would be with him. And God can do anything!

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do you like being scared?
- Have you ever stopped doing something because you were too scared?
- If God is with us, do we need to be afraid?



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RESPOND TO THE BIBLE STORY

RESPONSE PRAYER

Pray as you feel led. Or allow the children to pray.

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

NONE. Bible lesson is longer than the other days.

HERO VERSE

Open the Bible to Psalm 34:14b

God's Word says, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Heroes, let's give a thumbs-up whenever we say "Do good!" Okay, show me those thumbs when we say it. *(together)* "Do good!"

Now let's add a peace symbol when we say "Seek peace!" Like this: *(demonstrate)*. All together, now: "Seek peace!"

For the last part, we're going to make a superhero pose, with one fist stretched way up high and the other about shoulder height. *(Demonstrate the superhero pose.)* "Go after it!" Now you try!