

## STORY: EXODUS: Moses & the Burning Bush (Exodus 2:12 - 3)

### INTRODUCTION

We've started a new series on the book of Exodus.

The Israelites were living in Egypt as slaves.

The Pharaoh ordered all Hebrew baby boys to be killed.

But one a little baby was saved from death.

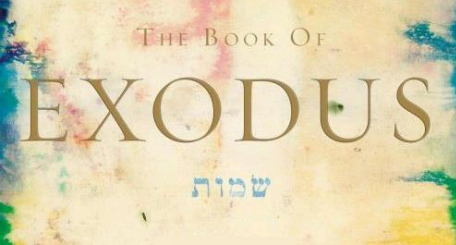
This little baby was called Moses. And he was adopted by the Princess and raised in Egypt as a prince.

### STORY

Summarise/Paraphrase **Exodus 2:12 – 3**. Props are helpful 😊

Main points:

- One day, when Moses had grown up, he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. Moses defended the slave and killed the Egyptian.
- Fearing for his life, Moses ran away from Egypt and went to live in Midian.
- He married Zipporah and worked as a shepherd.
- One day, while tending to the sheep, he saw a bush on fire. Strange thing was the bush didn't burn up.
- Moses went over to check on it.
- God called him by name. "Moses! Moses!" and told him not to come nearer and to take off his sandals because he is on holy ground.
- Moses was afraid and hid his face.
- God told Moses He had heard his people crying in Egypt. And He has come to rescue them. And He was sending Moses to deliver the people from slavery.
- "Who am I?" Moses asked. After all, he was a wanted man in Egypt. An ex-prince. A shepherd. An 80-year-old man.
- God answered: "I will be with you."
- Moses asked, "Who are you? What should I tell the Israelites when they ask me your name?"
- God answered, "**I AM WHO I AM**. Tell the Israelites, '**I AM** has sent me to you. The Lord, God of your fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (whom we've learned about before), has sent me to you. This is my name forever, from generation to generation.'"



## LESSON

### Our God

He is **personal**: He calls us by name just as He called Moses by name — “*Moses Moses*”

He is a **Covenantal** God: He is *the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, keeping His promises and covenant with Abraham that his family will be a great nation.

He **cares**: He sees, hears and is concerned ... whether for the Israelites or for you and me. When we are sad and trouble and think no one cares, remember that God cares and loves you very much.

He **acts**: He came to rescue the Israelites and bring them out of Egypt. He is always with us to help us and work all things out for good for us, even when we may not realise it.

### God is the I AM

What does that mean?

It means God is God. He existed before the beginning of time. He is not created by anybody. He is the source of life and He never changes.

God needs no explanation. No description. No identification. Because He is God.

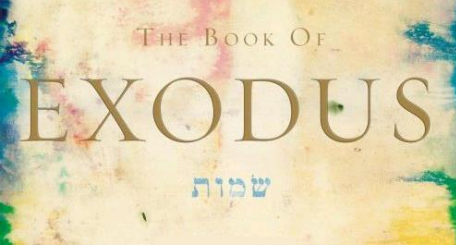
### Jesus is the I AM

When Jesus was on earth, He revealed Himself to the Jews as “I AM”.  
e.g. in John 8:59, he said, “Before Abraham was born, I am.”

Jesus was claiming to be God — the same God who spoke to Moses in the burning bush. And this made the Jews very angry, and they tried to kill him.

Through His teachings, Jesus often identified Himself as “I AM”: I AM the Bread of life, light of the world, door of the sheep, good shepherd, resurrection and the life, the way, truth and life, and the true vine.

Jesus is God. He is the source of life. He never changes!



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## MOSES: BURNING BUSH

### **We can come boldly**

God told Moses: "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing is holy ground."

God is holy, and sinful man cannot come near Him. Moses was afraid of God and hid his face.

Today, because of Jesus, God gives us free access to Him. We can "come boldly to the throne of grace" and "obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:16)

Thank you, Jesus. You are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You are the God of Moses. And you are the God of me!

## ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

Related Burning Bush **craft** or **activity** with the words:

*Because of Jesus, the Great I AM, I can come boldly to God's throne of grace.*



**Worksheet** (see next page)

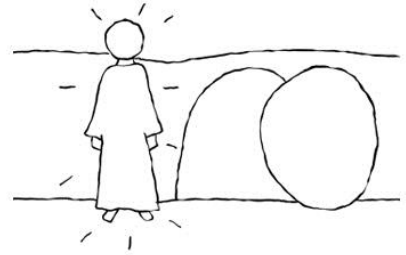
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