

LESSON 1

THE BURNING BUSH

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Hears and Sees His People

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3

GOD'S BIG STORY: Because God sees the suffering of the Israelites and hears the cries of His people, He reveals His plan to Moses to lead them out of Egypt.

Object Lesson: Bush and Campfire

Activity: Sights and Sounds

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Ring Around the Bush

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

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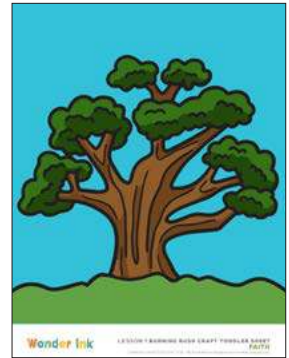
SUPPLIES: fake or real plant (or a real bush outside, if available)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Bush Picture

Ahead of time, print the Bush Picture.

Good morning! We're going to talk today about a man from the Bible who saw something very cool in a bush! Let's take a look at a bush and get curious.

Show the kids the Bush Picture (or a fake plant, or even take them outside to see a real bush, if there is one nearby). Let them feel it and look at it. Ask them what they see. Ask them what it feels like. Let them smell it.



Activity: Sights and Sounds

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Sights and Sounds Sheet

Ahead of time, print a copy of the Sights and Sounds Sheet.

In God's big story today, we'll learn how God sees and hears His people. Let's play a game to see and hear some things. When I hold up a picture, say what you see or make the sound it makes.

Hold up the pictures and ask the kids what each thing is and what sound it makes. For young toddlers, make the sound and encourage them to mimic you.

The kids will see ...

- train ("choo choo")
- bird ("tweet")
- race car ("vroom")
- cow ("moo")
- dog ("woof")



You did a great job of paying attention to the sights and sounds! Now here's one more ...

Then show them a picture of a bush. **Bushes don't make a sound. But in our story today, we'll hear about a voice that talked from a bush! And we'll learn about how God helped His people.**

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD HEARS AND SEES HIS PEOPLE.

Tell the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

HEARS— Cup your ears.

AND SEES— Make pretend binoculars with your hands around your eyes.

HIS PEOPLE.—Point to yourself.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Connected Easter Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today in God's big story, we're learning that God hears and sees His people. Let's sing together and thank God for loving us and caring about us!

Play songs from the [Connected Easter Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

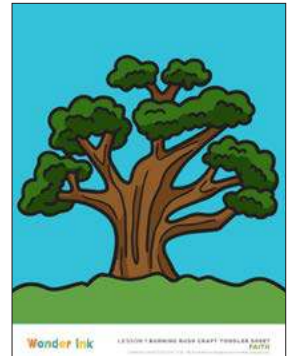
SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Bush Picture, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Ahead of time, print the Bush Picture.

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible. It's about a man named Moses. Encourage the kids to say, "Moses." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to him!**

A man named Moses used to live in the house of Pharaoh, who was the king of Egypt. When something bad happened, Moses ran away. Later, Moses was out in the desert with a flock of sheep. What does a sheep say? Allow the kids to respond with "bahhhhh." **Yes, that's right!**



Moses was in the desert when he saw this: Hold up the picture of a bush. **He saw a bush! But it wasn't just any bush. The bush was on fire! Moses was surprised! God started talking to Moses from inside the burning bush! Can you show me your surprised face?** Give kids time to make a surprised face.

God said, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "Here I am!" God told Moses to go to Pharaoh, the king, and tell him to let God's people go so they could be free. God's people were trapped and were sad. God knew they were sad. He decided to send Moses to help them escape so they could be happy.

God saw His people (point to your eyes with pretend binoculars and encourage the kids to do the same). **God heard them** (cup your ears with your hands and encourage the kids to do the same) **crying because they were sad. And God came up with a plan to save them through Moses.**

God sees us and hears us when we are happy and when we are sad. God is with us and sees and hears us too!

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say, "seeing," put your hands around your eyes as if you were wearing binoculars. When I say, "hearing," put your hands at your ears.

Dear God, we thank You for loving us and seeing (hands around eyes) **us. We thank You for hearing** (hands at ears) **us when we are happy and when we're sad. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Blessing: May God bless you and lead you. May you remember always that He is the God who hears and sees His people. May you trust in Him, and may He give you peace.

Activity: Ring Around the Bush

SUPPLIES: fake plant (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Bush Picture

Put the Bush Picture (or a fake plant) in the middle of the room. Encourage the kids to hold hands and walk or crawl in a circle around the bush. Sing the following words:

Ring around the bush.

God sees and hears us.

Thank You; thank You!

We all fall down! Fall down to the ground when you say “down!”

Today, we learned about a time when God spoke to Moses through a burning bush. God did this because He saw and heard His people, and He had a plan to save them. Remember, God hears and sees us too!