#### Welcome to SPC Kids Corner!

Sunday, October 1, 2023

### MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Exodus 1:8-14 [15–2:10]; 3:1-15

#### **Key Verse:**

"The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them."

Exodus 3:9-10

#### The Point:

God listens to our prayers.

#### **Making Connections:**

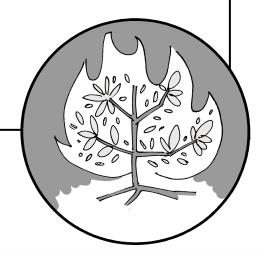
Responding to God's Love

#### Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Exodus Story

#### **Spiritual Practice:**

Service





# MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

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### Moses and the Burning Bush

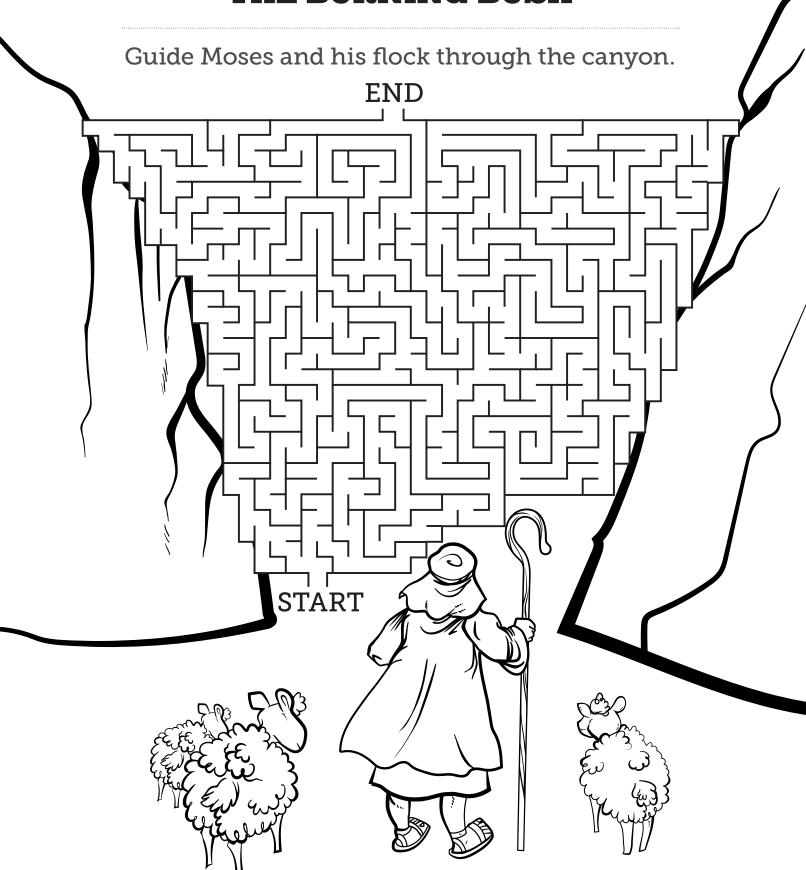
"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Exodus 3:5 (NIV)

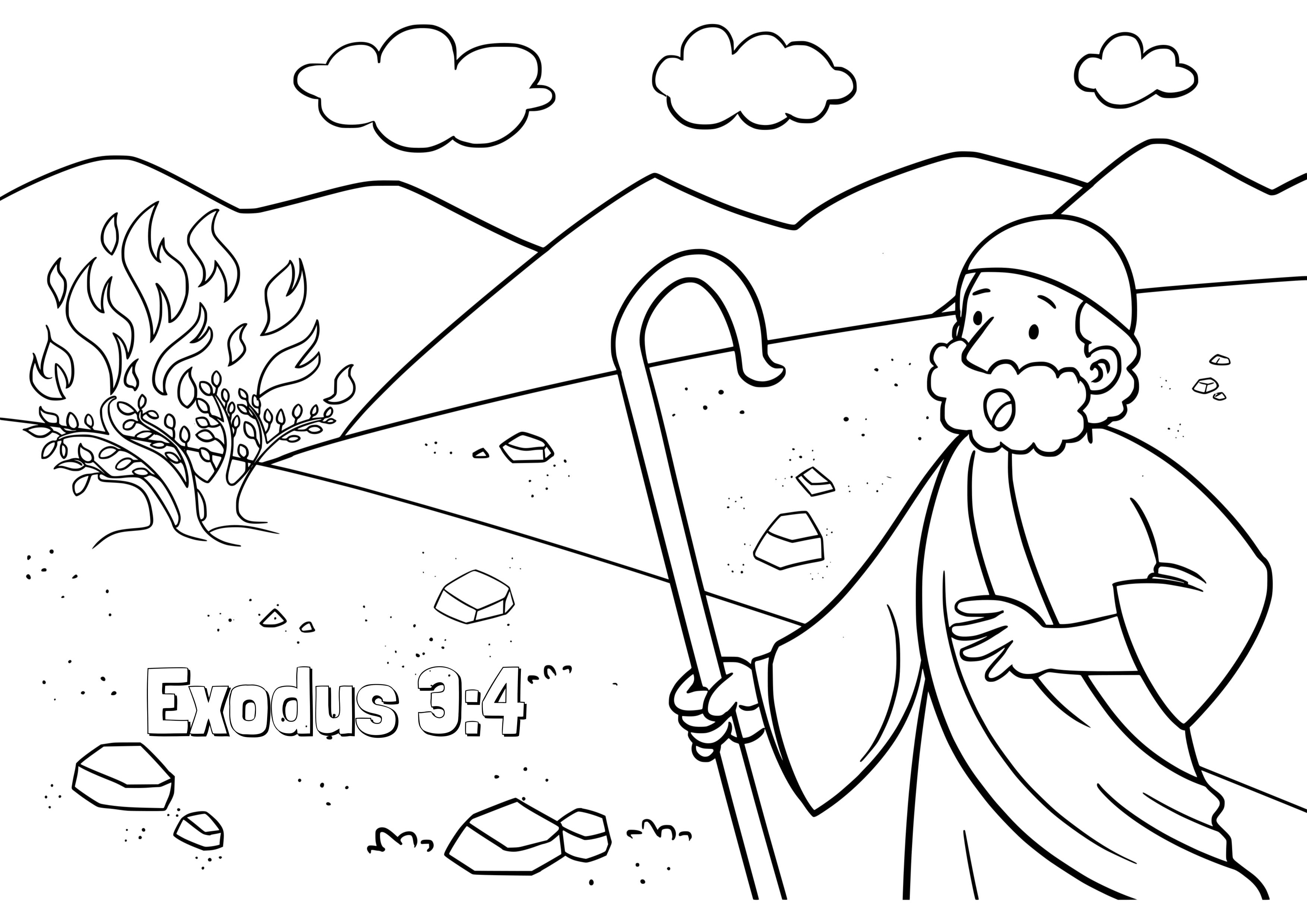
Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



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4. God said, "I am the God of your, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."				
4. Moses hid his because he was afraid to look at God.				
God was concerned about his people suffering in				
6. God wanted his people to go to a land flowing with and				
7. God told Moses to tell to let his people go out of Egypt.				
8. God Moses that he would be with him				
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# MOSES THE BURNING BUSH



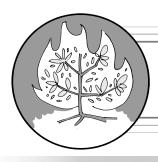


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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.







## THE STORY @ HOME



Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024) **Lesson #2-4** Exodus 1:8-14 [15–2:10]; 3:1-15

#### LAST WEEK

Isaac grows up and has two sons, Jacob and Esau. Jacob deceives Esau and runs away in fear. Years later, as he is returning, he encounters and wrestles with an unknown stranger. He prevails and gains God's blessing, being renamed Israel (Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30).

#### THIS WEEK

Approximately 400 years later, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the Israelites—are enslaved in Egypt. God comes to Moses in the form of a burning bush and sends Moses to deliver God's people from slavery (Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15–2:10]; 3:1-15).

#### STORY SUMMARY

When Moses sees the flames of the burning bush, he is surprised. The bush looks like it is on fire, but it is not burning up. Surprise turns to awe as Moses hears the voice of God. God tells Moses that he is standing on holy ground, and Moses takes off his sandals. God has seen the suffering of the people in Egypt. God knows, cares, and has decided to send Moses to help. Moses feels unworthy and tries to refuse, but then he agrees to follow God's command, to return to Egypt, and to lead the people to the Promised Land.

#### PRASTICE SERVICE

God hears the prayers of God's people, and works through all of us to free people who are enslaved, help those who are suffering, and work for justice in the world. Our acts of service on behalf of others are ways in which we serve as the hands and feet of God in our neighborhoods.

#### THEPOUT

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#### BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

#### The Exodus Story

The exodus story is the story of the escape of God's people from slavery in Egypt. Not only is it one of the most central stories in the Bible, it is also the story of the Israelites calling out to God for deliverance when they were enslaved by the Egyptians, the story of God sending Moses to ask Pharaoh to let his people go, the story of Pharaoh's repeated refusals, and the story of God's judgment in the form of ten plagues. It is the story that defines Passover, a central celebration and important image of Jesus' later works of deliverance.

#### KEEW TXEM

After the Israelites have been liberated from slavery, God gives them instructions—laws—to learn how to live in freedom (Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9).



Lesson #2-4

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#### Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- In what way does this text teach about the theme, Responding to God's Love?
- What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

#### Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### Sunday—Read Exodus 3:1-15

Moses and the burning bush.

Find a plant, inside or outside, and talk to it. Does it talk back? What would you have thought if you were Moses?

#### Monday—Read Exodus 5:1-9

Let my people go.

If you do not know it, search online for the song "Pharaoh, Pharaoh." Sing it together.

#### Tuesday—Read Exodus 7:1-13

Signs and wonders in Egypt.

Look around you. What signs do you see of God's power?

#### Wednesday—Read Exodus 12:29-32

Pharaoh finally relents.

Tell a story of a time you changed your mind. What finally caused you to change it?

#### Thursday—Read Exodus 14:5-14

Pharaoh's pursuit.

Stage a chase in your home. Have one person be Pharaoh in a chariot, and the other be the Israelites.

#### Friday—Read Exodus 14:19-31

Salvation at the sea.

Read this story over a sink or tub full of water. Try to part the water.

#### Saturday—Read Deuteronomy 5:1-21

The Ten Commandments.

Draw a picture of one of the commandments. Explain your picture.