

# EGYPT

## **“God Calls Moses”**

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and suffering
- The Faith of Joseph
- God Calls Moses
- Moses and Aaron approach Pharaoh

Series Theme Verse: “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God calls each and every one of us to a specific purpose and way of serving God.

Lesson Passage: Exodus 3:1-14

Materials Needed: Bibles, theme verse on a poster

Lesson Plan: Remind students that we finished last week with Joseph and his family living in Egypt. Exodus 1:8 tells us a new Pharaoh came to power who did not know Joseph (for it had been many years since Joseph died).

To get us up to where we are in today’s story, have a student read (or you can do this in pairs): Exodus 1:8-22, Exodus 2:1-10, Exodus 2:11-25, then summarize the events leading up to today’s story.

Talking Points: Exodus 3:1-14

- What was Moses doing for his father-in-law, Jethro? (Tending the flock, he was a shepherd)
- What odd thing did Moses see while tending the flock? (A bush on fire, but the bush was not burning up)
- What did Moses do when he saw the bush was not burning up? (He went to see the strange sight...wouldn’t you?!)
- When Moses approached the bush, who spoke from the bush? (God)
- What did God say? (Moses! Do not come closer, take your sandals off, this is holy ground)
- Why do you think the ground was holy? (Because Moses was in the presence of God)
- How did God identify God’s-self to Moses? (I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob)
- What was Moses’ response? (He hid his face)

- What did God tell Moses? (That God had seen the misery of God's people, Israel, and God was going to rescue them. God would lead them out of Egypt to a land that was plentiful)
- How would God do this? (God was sending Moses to lead the people out of Egypt)
- What was Moses' response to God calling him to serve by leading the people out? (Who am I? Basically, I am just a shepherd, why use me for such a monumental task and act of God?!) )
- How did God encourage Moses? (God said God would go with Moses)
- Did Moses agree to do it, then? (No, he said "What if they don't believe me?")
- How did God respond? (Tell the people "I Am Who I Am" has sent me to bring you out of Egypt)
- Why do you think God would say that God's name is "I Am"? (In the society of Egypt, there were many gods. The Israelites had been living there so long, they might be used to gods. So when Moses says, "I Am has sent me," the Israelites will know that Moses was sent by the One true God who has always been in existence and created the world.)

#### The Story and Me:

- Have the series memory verse on a poster.
- Ask the students how the Series Theme Verse applies to this part of Moses' story?
- Help students understand that God calls each one of us to our vocation in life, as well as, many other steps we take in life; however, every time God calls us, it is to take a step that will grow the Kingdom of God.
- We will not all be called by God to be a preacher, youth minister, or music minister, but we are all called by God to be a minister wherever God plants us: teacher, realtor, King of Union Pacific, or any other job God leads us to.
- When we see God's call on our lives as a daily lifestyle, we begin to see people as God sees them, and we love them as God does.
- God's call can be scary, but we have the security of knowing God is with us all the way.
- As a group, go around the table and say the Series Theme Verse one word at a time. Do this a couple times because there will only be one more week to memorize the verse.