

READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

The Burning Bush

from Exodus 3:1-15

Some of God's greatest leaders initially have been very reluctant!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- The Burning Bush
- Mount Horeb
- Moses' sandals
- "Moses! Moses!"
- "I am who I am"

Taking off your shoes is a sign of respect. Moses did this when he heard God's voice.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 72-75

Spark Bible pages 61-62

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for working with us and through us, and sometimes in spite of us! Help us to hear your call to our family to do what needs to be done in the world. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How do you act when you don't want to do something you've been asked to do?
- 2 How does God call you to help carry out his plan for our world?
- 3 God commanded Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground by the burning bush. Why do you think this act was so important? Can you think of times in our world we might do something similar, such as when we pray or sing the national anthem?
- 4 Take turns rolling a die and listing that number of people you know (or know of) who have been called by God to do something in our world. Think of Bible heroes, people in your community, family members, friends, and characters from history.



Eye Spark

When you are near a campfire, remember this amazing story of the Burning Bush when the bush burned but *did not burn up!*



Ear Spark

Listen to the different voices around you — voices in your family, on the radio, at school — and talk about what God's voice might sound like.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a fun sign to go by your front or back door that says, "Remove thy shoes, for you are standing on holy ground." It will remind you of this story every time you enter your home.

For younger kids

Place drops of red, orange, and yellow finger-paint on some paper. Use a straw to blow the paint on the paper to make a burning bush. Hang this on your refrigerator to remind you of this story!

For older kids

Search for some voice recordings that you think might sound like God's voice. Is God's voice high or low? Fast or slow? Intense or calm? Quiet or loud? Put together an audio collage of different voices that might sound like God's voice and share it with your family.

TRY IT

Art

Moses' name meant "I drew him out of the water." Moses' name described something about him. Do you know the meanings of the names in your family? If not, look them up online or in a baby name book. Do the meanings match the family members' characters or personalities? Thank God for each family member's uniqueness.

Computer Lab

Talk to your family members about some things they've felt God calling them to do. If those things were difficult, ask them to talk about how they knew that God was with them, helping them.

Creative Drama

Act out this story outside. Grab some sandals and a flashlight. One person shines the flashlight through a bush and talks like God. The other person wears the sandals and pretends to be Moses. What do God and Moses talk about?

Video

God issues a challenge to Moses through the burning bush. Is there a family challenge you can come up with: to raise money for your church or a special charity? To enter a walk-a-thon to raise funds and awareness for the hungry? To plan a neighborhood block party? God loves big ideas!

Bible Skills and Games

God used an amazing burning bush to get Moses' attention. With adult supervision, light your own burning bush — a candle — at dinner. Gather around the glowing light and talk about how God gets your attention. Does God use nature, the Bible, loved ones, or strangers?

Cooking

God told Moses that the Israelites would be rescued from the Egyptians. Moses would lead them into a land flowing with milk and honey. As a family, make some honey muffins and serve with milk.

Music

Have you ever thought about how much music impacts our mood? Have every family member pick out a couple of their favorite songs. Sit down together and take turns sharing your songs. Listen to what you really like about each other's music and how it makes you feel.

Science

God used fire to get Moses' attention. You can use fire to help your family connect with God as well. Create a special prayer to say as you light a candle for one meal each week. Pick a scented candle that you light for prayer time. Light a birthday candle for Jesus on Christmas Day.