

Bible background

Exodus 3

Aim of lesson

To show that God helps us to do what is right.

Preparation required

Prepare one 'book' from the activity sheet. The sheet is cut lengthwise, and taped to form one strip. It is then folded concertina fashion to form a 'book'. You will also need colouring materials and tape during the lesson.

Remember to keep this booklet for next week.

Suggested outline of lesson

1. Begin with Moses who has now grown up and is in the desert because he is afraid to live in Egypt where the cruel king is. He is with some sheep finding patches of grass for them to eat. Show the first picture in the book.
2. Use the rhyme to tell the story as you go through the book. Go through the pictures again asking the children what is happening and expanding the story as necessary. Repeat the rhyme encouraging the children to join in with the endings of the lines that they remember.
3. Ask the children to cut and form their own concertina book. Then review what is happening in each picture as they colour it in. Each child can then hold the correct picture open as you repeat the rhyme. By this time they will probably be able to repeat most of it with you.

Alternative activities

1. Make individual or group pictures of the burning bush using collage (textured paper, tissue paper or shiny paper) or sponge printing. A large sponge can be cut into large leaf and flame shapes. Use more sponge cut into rectangles of varying widths to print the trunk and branches of the bush. Empty plastic food trays make ideal containers for paint. Use ready mixed washable poster paints and provide aprons or old shirts/tee-shirts to protect clothes.

Relevance to the children's lives

We need never be afraid of doing what is right. God will help us as he helped Moses (or you could ask the children how they could help someone who is getting bullied by others as Moses helped his people).

Prayer

Ask who would like to pray that God will help us to be brave when we are afraid.

Verse

'And God said "I will be with you"'. Exodus 3:12.

Rhyme

While minding the sheep, Moses saw a strange sight
A bush in the desert burning bright.
God called his name when Moses came near
And Moses replied 'Lord, I am here.'
'My people need help so I'm going to send you.'
'Oh please don't send me, Lord. Why, what could I do?'
'I couldn't help them. I'm afraid of the king.'
But God said 'With me, you can do anything.'