



GOD'S TOP 10

Grades 1 & 2

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FOR LEADERS

Lesson 1

God speaks to Moses through a burning bush.

EXODUS 3:1-15

We listen to God.

What the Bible Says

Sometimes God takes drastic measures to get our attention...and God sure got Moses' attention with a burning bush that didn't burn up! While Moses' sheep grazed, he investigated...and heard God speak from inside the bush. God had heard his people's cries from Egypt and was ready to send the leader he had prepared to rescue them—Moses. Unfortunately, Moses wasn't so sure.

Leading the Israelites would be a hard job with limitless risks. Besides, who would listen to, believe, or even follow a shepherd with a somewhat shady past?

What It Means

God knew that Moses was the one he wanted to use to free his people. God met Moses' objections with a simple statement: "I will be with you." God identified himself by saying, "I Am Who I Am." And God told Moses he was the God of Moses' forefathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When Moses realized that his God had chosen him, he was willing to obey. And when he obeyed in faith, God used him mightily.

Why It Matters

If God spoke to your kids, what might he ask them to do? God might tell a child to pray openly before lunch at school. Or maybe God would ask a child to befriend someone who's unpopular. To a kid, either task might seem just as tough as leading two million Israelites! God's reassuring presence will help kids tackle tough tasks. And consider kids who are just getting to know God. What a relief they'll feel when they discover that God is there when parents fight, when friends turn their backs, or when no one else seems to care.

God Sightings™

Although God may not speak to you through a burning bush, you can be sure he's communicating with you—daily. Think of it this way: A radio needs some kind of antenna to help it pick up radio waves. Is your "antenna" up, tuned to catch what God might be saying to you? As you pray, do you focus on listening and not talking? Today, focus on keeping your spiritual antenna up and ready to pick up signals God sends your way.

Prayer Starter

Turn on your radio, MP3 player, or CD player, and listen to a Christian song. Then think about what God might be saying to you specifically about your kids in that song. Pray that your children will listen for and respond to God's promptings. Write your prayer here.



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