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As you listen to and watch the story this week, listen for the answer to the following question:

“How did God prepare Moses to lead the Israelites?” Then think about the ways that God also prepares and helps us to serve him!

God appeared to Moses as a burning bush. This bush, although it appeared to be on fire, never burned up. As God spoke to Moses, do you remember what God wanted Moses to do? As we learned in last week's Sunday school story, life was not easy not the Israelites in Egypt. They were slaves. They were worked very hard. They were beaten and treated meanly, and Pharaoh even tried to kill their baby boys. **God wanted Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the land that he had promised to Abraham many years before.**

At first, did it seem like Moses would be a good leader? NO – Moses was afraid and he kept making up excuses. Do you recall some of the excuses Moses made to God?

- He felt he could not be a good leader when he asked “Who am I that I should be the one to go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?”
- He thought the Israelites wouldn't believe he was to be their leader when he asked “What if the Israelites ask who sent me?”
- Moses still continued to doubt when he asked “What if the people don't believe me when I tell them you sent me?”
- Lastly Moses said “I am not a good enough speaker” and he asked God to send someone else.

Despite all the excuses, God showed love to Moses by helping him to understand all the ways that God would be there to help and strengthen Moses:

- God promised to be with Moses.
- God gave Moses the ability to do miracles that would prove God had sent him.
- God said that Aaron would help Moses, and that Aaron was a good speaker.
- God would help both Moses and Aaron to carry out the work that God wanted them to do.

Even though God has not spoken with us from a burning bush, there are things God wants us to do, such as doing our best on our homework and obeying our parents cheerfully. Why do we want to serve God by doing the work he gives us? We do this to thank God for all he has done for us – especially for sending Jesus to save us. What does God also give us as we do his work here on earth?

Just as God was with Moses and gave him the help and strength he needed to do the work God gave him, God also is always with us and gives us the help and strength we need to do his work here on earth!

This week we have a worksheet on the back side of this page. We also have an art project. Directions for the art project and an answer key are included on a separate page.

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In our story this week, God referred to himself as "I AM". When Moses asked, "What if the Israelites ask who sent me?" "I AM WHO I AM," God answered. "Tell the people of Israel, 'I AM – the God who is always loving and good – has sent me.'

It is great to know that God is always loving and good! When we think of his name "I AM" we can remember that God is always loving and good. There are many other names for God that are referenced in the Bible. Let's make a poster to show all the names we can think of for God.

Supplies provided:

White Construction Paper

Baggie with the letters for "I AM" and many foam pieces for decorating the poster.

Supplies needed:

Crayons or markers

Glue stick

Steps:

- 1) Glue the words "I AM" in the center of the white construction paper
- 2) Using colorful markers or crayons, and different styles if writing, write all the names for God that you can think of:
 - a. Here are a few for you to start with: Prince of Peace, God, Jesus, Emmanuel, Light of the World, Redeemer, Jehovah, Savior, King o Kings, Good Shepherd, Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - b. Are there any other names you can think of?
- 3) After you have added all the names you can think of for God, then use the colorful foam shapes to decorate your poster by gluing them on the poster.



Answer Key to the "Moses Makes Excuses" worksheet (Copy Master 4)

Part One: 1. b, 2. e, 3. d, 4. a, 5. c

Part Two: GOD WILL GIVE US HELP AND STRENGTH.

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