

God Wants Us To Rescue Those In Trouble

Exodus 3:1-4:17

The Big Idea: God wants us to rescue those in trouble

Read the passage

Story Summary For Children:

One day when Moses was out with his flock, he saw a bush on fire. He was especially curious because it wasn't being burned. As he got closer, he heard a voice calling "Moses, Moses." Moses answered and the voice identified himself as God. Moses was talking to God! God told Moses that He had heard the cries and prayers of the Israelites and wanted Moses to go tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave so they could go to the land God promised them and worship God. But Moses was scared to do the job God was giving him because it meant going back to Egypt where he had killed a man. He was also scared because he was raised with the Egyptians and was afraid the Israelites would not follow Him. God answered every question Moses asked. But Moses still did not want to go. His last excuse was that he was not an elegant speaker. God assured Moses that He would give Moses the ability to speak, but still Moses did not want to go. God became angry with Moses but then told Moses to take his brother Aaron with him to do the talking.

Family Story Discussion Questions:

1. What did Moses see while he was out with his flock? (a bush on fire but not burning)
2. Who did Moses talk to at the burning bush? (God)
3. What did God want Moses to do? (*Go tell Pharaoh to let the Israelite slaves leave Egypt*)
4. Did Moses want to do it? (No)
5. What did God tell Moses He would do? (That He would go with Moses and teach him what to say and do)

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of someone in trouble who needs rescuing?
2. Are you helping that person? Do you want to help him or her?
3. Why don't you want to help him or her? Or, in the past, why haven't you helped someone in need?
4. When God tells us to do something, what does He promise to do?
5. Think of someone in need. How does God want you to rescue him or her?
6. What are your excuses for not obeying God?
7. What can God do or what has He promised to do in your situation?

Memory Verse: *“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”*

Exodus 3:10

Parents: Pray with your family for someone to help and a way to help. Then help someone together.

Parents: Talk with your children about someone who might need rescuing in their life. Ask them what they think you should do. Remind them that God wants us to rescue those in need and that He promises to go with us and help us. Talk about how God might be able to help us help others.

Family Activity: Help someone in trouble or in need.

A Look Ahead: Next week the passage is Ex 4:18-31 and the Big Idea will be, “God treats us as His children.” Ask your family, “What do good parents do?” or “What are some qualities of good parents?” You may also want to read next week’s passage with your child and start explaining the story.