

I Obey God Because I Trust Him

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(Read the following story from Exodus 2:11 - 3:20 to your child. Stop as indicated to let your child(ren) participate and respond. Show your child where this story is found in your Bible.)

Moses Meets God at the Burning Bush

"Hey, what is that over there? That is the strangest thing I have ever seen!"

Moses was out on the far side of the desert near Horeb, the mountain of God. Moses was out by himself taking care of his father-in-law's sheep when he saw something really, really strange. Moses saw a bush that was on fire but it wasn't getting burnt up! Moses crept closer and closer and closer to get a better look at that strange bush that was on fire but was not getting burnt up.

When Moses got pretty close to that burning bush, all of a sudden, God called to Moses from within the bush. God said, "Moses, Moses!!" *(Discuss with your child how God calls each and every one of us by name to trust and obey Him. Let them know that He knows every person's name in the whole world.)*

Moses said, "Here I am."

"Don't come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Quickly, Moses took off his sandals. Moses understood that he was standing on holy ground, ground that was perfect. God is holy and He is perfect. *(Ask your child if they understand what it means for God to be holy. Tell them what you think it means.)*

God said to Moses, "I have seen how miserable My people, the Israelites, are in Egypt. I have heard them crying because King Pharaoh and the Egyptians are being so mean to them and making them work too hard. So, Moses, I am using you to go and rescue the Israelites. I want you to go and talk to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Go tell Pharaoh, 'let My people go!'"

Moses was very, very afraid to go and talk to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Moses was worried that no one would listen to him. But God wanted to use Moses to do this important job and God was going to give Moses the strength to do it. Even though Moses was afraid, Moses trusted and obeyed God because Moses knew that God's plans are always good. Just like Moses, WE CAN OBEY GOD BECAUSE WE TRUST HIM, too. *(Ask your child if they are ever afraid to obey God. Explain that He is always good, and we can trust Him to take care of us.)*

These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

— Deuteronomy 6:6-8

Let's Talk About It!

1. What strange thing did Moses see?
2. Who tried to talk to Moses from within the bush?
3. What did God tell Moses to take off?
4. What kind of ground was Moses standing on?
5. Who did God want Moses to go talk to?
6. Who can we obey because we trust Him?

ANSWERS:
(1) A burning bush (2) God (3) Sandals
(4) Holy (5) Pharaoh (6) God

At Home And On The Road

*At a meal or in the car,
discuss the following
with your child.*

What a wonderful story about trusting in God! Even though Moses was scared, he knew that God was a good God who loved His people, the Israelites, so much that He wanted to save them from Pharaoh and the Egyptians. God wanted Moses to be a part of God's great and good plan to save the Israelites. Moses must have felt so special to God! God chose Moses by name to be a part of something very big and very good. Moses was scared. He could have said "no." But instead, Moses decided to obey God because Moses trusted God.

Discussion: Discuss with your child that we can always trust God. He knows each one of us by name, and He has a good plan for every single person who will trust and obey Him. Even though God's plans sometimes seem a little scary, we know that we can trust God to take care of us. Since God is so trustworthy, we should always obey His plan for us. Discuss with your child what God might be asking them to do today to trust and obey Him.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."
Proverbs 3:5**

Read Proverbs 3:5 to your child and show them where it is found in the Bible. Encourage them to say it with you in a variety of ways. For example, have them say it fast then slow, quiet then loud, etc.

Hands and Forehead

*Enjoy the following
scripture verse with
your child.*

Doorframes And Gates

*Enjoy this project that
reinforces the lesson to
your child.*

(Have fun with this project that reinforces the lesson to your child.)

Obey Because I Trust. Take a walk with your child around the block or around your neighborhood. Point out all the things that would burn down if they caught on fire. Imagine with your child if they heard God's voice coming from a tree, a flower, or a stop sign that was on fire but wasn't burning up. Ask them if they would be scared to follow God's voice if they heard Him speaking from such an object. Collect a few things as you walk such as tree leaves, blades of grass, acorns, or flowers. When you get home, glue these items to red, orange, or yellow construction paper to remind your child how Moses trusted and obeyed God even though he must have been scared to follow God's voice from the burning bush.