

## ATM VBS Day 2 Lesson Skit: Moses and the Burning Bush

### Older Group

#### Moses and The Burning Bush Skit

**Actors:** Moses, narrator voice, God's voice

**Scene:** Horeb Mountain in the time of Moses. The lighting is dim. It is a desert mountain scene with a flock of sheep. (See decorating ideas for scene background templates and other decorating ideas). Have several bushes around. Sign that reads: "Horeb, Mountain of God". Moses is sitting on a rock holding a staff with his back to the bushes.

#### You Will Need:

- Moses dressed in biblical times with a headdress, staff and sandals.
- Stuffed or cardboard sheep scattered around the scene.
- \* Burning bush that will light up as if on fire.
- \* iPod with earphones
- \* Print the Amazing Time Machine Bible Lesson Day 2 Skit script for your actors.

#### Script 1:

(Suddenly one bush lights up as if on fire and makes a whooshing noise that causes Moses to whirl around and look).

**God:** Moses! Moses!

**Moses:** Here I am.

**God:** Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

(Moses, is afraid. He quickly removes his sandals, kneels to the ground and hides his face).

**God:** I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.

**Moses:** Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?

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**God:** I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.

**Moses:** Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” Then what shall I tell them?

**God:** I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I am has sent me to you.”

**God:** Say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you. This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

(The fire goes out. Moses sits in silence for a moment looking stunned, then stands up and exits the stage or room).

### Discussion:

- \* What did God use to speak to Moses? (A burning bush).
- \* What was special about the burning bush? (It burned but didn't burn up).
- Do you think that before that moment, if someone had asked Moses how he would envision a talk with God that he would have said it would be through a burning bush?
- What would have happened if Moses had been listening to his iPod, and he'd been jamming to the local Egyptian Rap Station when the bush started burning? Let's replay the scene.

### Script 2:

(Have Moses return with an iPod and ear phones. He is dancing and maybe singing to some tune. He sits down on a rock with his back to the bush. The bush lights up.

**God:** Moses! Moses!

(Moses is still listening to iPod, singing to himself and using his staff and a rock as drums.

**God:** (Louder and more forceful). Moses! Moses!

(Moses still doesn't notice. Finally he gets up, with his back still to the bush and leaves the stage/room. The bush goes dark.).

### Younger Group

#### The Birth Of Jesus

**Actors:** Narrator, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus (real baby or baby doll). Optional: angel and shepherds.

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**Scene:** Sign that reads: "Bethlehem". The scene will be a traditional nativity picturing the birth of Jesus in a stable with Mary and Joseph. There is a star shining above the stable. If you have extra actors, add an angel and shepherds. The lights are dim with a spotlight over the manger. As children enter, "Silent Night" is playing softly in the background.

### You Will Need:

- Sign that reads: "Bethlehem".
- Bible
- Biblical costumes for all actors.
- Manger
- Spotlight
- Star shining above the couple
- Cut-out cardboard sheep
- Stable (optional)
- Animals, real or cut-outs (optional)
- Play a tape of "Silent Night" softly in the background before and after the narrator speaks. You may also want sound effects for farm animals playing softly.

### Script 1:

(Mary is seated by the manger or holding the Baby Jesus. Joseph stands behind her with his hand on her shoulder. Silent Night is playing softly as children enter. Music fades).

**Narrator:** (Not in the scene, reads Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-2).

(Music plays again as children leave).