

MOSES KILLS EGYPTIAN & MEETS GOD AT BURNING BUSH

Scripture:
Exodus 2:11-4:18

Materials Needed:
Ministry opportunities in envelopes; dry erase markers/board;

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 12:9 “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Objectives:

As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—After Moses killed the Egyptian and fled to Midian for 40 years, God told Moses through the burning bush that He wanted him to go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. When Moses offered excuses why he should not do it, God answered every excuse by providing everything Moses needed to complete the job, and in the end, Moses went.

To Realize—Regardless of past failures, fear, and inadequacies, when God leads them to do a job, they should not offer excuses but do what God wants because God will provide everything they need to complete the job.

To Act on it by—relying on God’s provision to do the task to which He has led them even when they feel afraid and inadequate.

Approach:

These envelopes contain ministry opportunities. When I give it to you, I want you to read it and tell me whether or not you would take it.

When you get a ministry opportunity, how do you decide whether or not to take it?

Some people find it helpful to make a list of pro’s and con’s. Why do they do this? There is a person in today’s lesson who got a ministry opportunity. And we are going to see the list of pro’s and con’s that he came up with in making his decision.

Outline:

I. Moses Kills the Egyptian and Flees	Draw stick figures of Israelites under bondage.
II. God Gives Moses A Job A. Meets at burning bush B. Says He’s seen the suffering and will deliver C. Tells Moses to go	Draw a picture of Moses shepherding flock.
III. Moses Offers Excuses and God Provides what he needs A. Excuse/Provision #1 1. Who am I?	Vs. 3:11 Where do you think he had heard this from? 2:14

<p>2. I will be with you.</p> <p>A. Excuse/Provision #2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your name? 2. I AM WHO I AM <p>A. Excuse/Provision #3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What if they don't believe me? 2. Three signs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. staff turned to snake b. hand turned to leprosy c. Nile turned to blood <p>A. Excuse/Provision #4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I've never been eloquent (slow of speech) 2. I will be with your mouth <p>A. Excuse/Provision #5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send it by someone else 2. Take Aaron with you 	<p>Look at God's answer in vs. 12. At this point, does Moses have everything he needs to do this job that God wants him to do? Does Moses feel like he has everything he needs?</p> <p>Vs. 3:13 At this point, does Moses have everything he needs to do this job that God wants him to do? Does Moses feel like he has everything he needs?</p> <p>Vs. 4:1 At this point, does Moses have everything he needs to do this job that God wants him to do? Does Moses feel like he has everything he needs?</p> <p>4:10 Acts 7:22—ability to pronounce the language or to do public speaking? It doesn't really matter because what was his perception? At this point, does Moses have everything he needs to do this job that God wants him to do? Does Moses feel like he has everything he needs?</p> <p>Is there anything about Moses that would make him say, "This is a good thing for me! I can do this!"? All of the things that he can think of are reasons why he shouldn't do this! Are they founded? Yes. They are founded on his fear and inadequacy.</p>
<p>IV. Moses Goes to Egypt</p>	<p>And you know what he does in verse 18? This doesn't match his fear and inadequacy. What made him choose to go? Because on the pro- list God had written everything Moses needed to do</p>

	the job He wanted Moses to do.
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Conclusion:

(Share a personal story about something that God called you to do or has currently called you to do for which you feel inadequate)

Even when we are afraid and we know how inadequate we are, why do we still move forward into the task God has for us? Because he has provided everything we need.

I once heard this truth from Moses summarized this way:

I can't. But He can. And He is in me.

I don't want to. But He does. And He is in me.

And when it's over, I'll realize, I didn't. But He did, because He was in me.

Boardwork:

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Personal Application Questions:

1. What ministry opportunities have you taken in the past for which you have felt unqualified?
2. Is there anything in front of you right now which you feel God is leading you to do, but for which you feel inadequate?
3. What objections or excuses do you or have you offered when you feel inadequate to do something?
4. What comfort do you find knowing that God will be with you and give you everything you need to do the job He has called you to do?

Application Questions to think through for your Students:

1. Your students may not be called to “big ministries” at this stage of their lives. But what sort of “impossible things” might they face in the relationships in which they find themselves right now?
2. What excuses might your students have for not doing what God wants them to do?
3. What promises has God made to your students for the situations they are currently in?

Memory Verse:

II Corinthians 12:9 “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Write here which game you will use to teach this verse and any supplies you might need:

Post-lesson Activity:

Make copies of the worksheet Amazing Ways (Bible Skills, p. 103) After students have completed the worksheet, have them explain how each concept was evident in the story.

Homework Idea:

Have students interview three people this weeknand record their answers to the following three questions—

1. Has God ever asked you to do something for which you felt inadequate? What was it?
2. Has there ever been a time when you offered excuses to God about something you felt He was wanting you to do? What were they?
3. How did you finally decide to do what you felt God was wanting?