

The Burning Bush

Lesson Objectives

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Lesson Text

Exodus 3:1-10

Scripture Memory Verse

God said, "I will be with you."

Exodus 3:12

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Bush Makers

Welcome and Singing

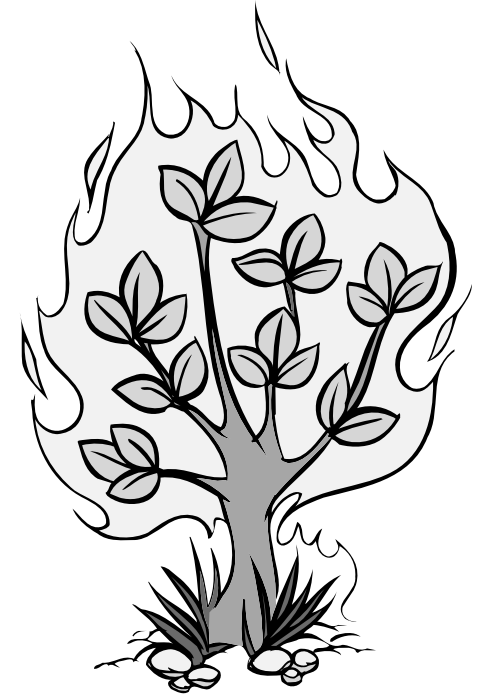
Centers:

Bible Story: Moses and the Bush

Life Application: WOW!

Craft: Holy Moses

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Bush Makers

The children will make a "burning bush" for the Bible Story center.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick
- scissors

For the teacher:

- 1 large piece of cardboard, 4' x 4'
- green, yellow, orange and red construction paper
- yellow, orange and red tissue paper
- large electric fan (optional)

Preparation

1. Cut the cardboard into the shape of a bush.

Instructions

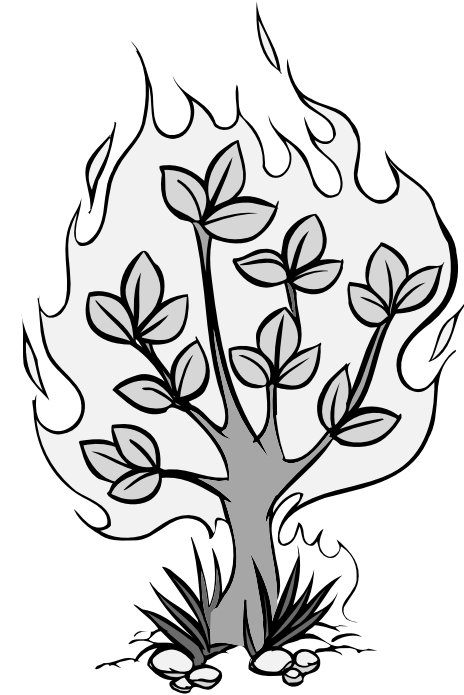
1. Give the children tissue paper or construction paper. Have them cut the paper into long strips.
2. Have the children glue one end of each strip of paper onto the cardboard bush so that the paper hangs down.
3. Give the bush to the Bible Story teacher.

Conclusion

God appeared to Moses in a burning bush to show him his power.

Teacher Tips

Make many holes in the bush before the children glue on the paper. Then place a large electric fan behind it and turn it on. The tissue paper will blow in the breeze, making the bush look like it is burning.



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Moses and the Bush

The children will hear the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Lesson Text

Exodus 3:1-10

Materials

- the Burning Bush from the Preclass Activity
- a sheet
- a belt
- a Bible
- fan (optional)

Preparation

1. Read through the lesson and familiarize yourself with the story.
2. Choose a child to play the part of Moses. Wrap the sheet around his body and the belt around his waist.
3. Set up the bush in the Bible Story center.
4. Set up the fan behind the bush if you are using one.

Instructions

You will play the parts of the teacher and of God. All of God's lines should be spoken from behind the bush. Whisper the child's lines to him before he says them.

Open the Bible to Exodus 3 and place it in your lap.

Show the children the bush. *Do you know what this is? Yes, it is a burning bush. But is it really burning? No. We're going to hear a story today about a real burning bush. God did this to get Moses' attention so that he could tell him something very important.*

TEACHER: The Bible tells us that Moses was very far away from his home, living as a shepherd. (Have the children make sheep noises.) One day, as Moses was taking care of his sheep, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the flames of a bush. (If you are using a fan, turn it on now.) Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it did not burn up. This was very strange to him, so he thought he'd go take a look. God called to him from the burning bush.

GOD: Moses!

MOSES: Here I am! (Whisper this to the child.)

GOD: Do not come any closer! Take off your shoes, because you are standing on holy ground. I am God. (The child should remove his shoes.)

TEACHER: Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. (Have the child cover his face.)

GOD: Moses, I have come to you for a very special reason. My people, the Israelites, are very sad because they are slaves in Egypt! I have heard them crying out to me, and I have come to rescue them from all of their sadness. I love the Israelites and have heard them praying to me. I am going to take them out of Egypt and bring them to a new and beautiful land where they will be very happy. Moses, I am sending you to bring my people out of Egypt.

TEACHER: Moses could not believe that God wanted him to lead all the people out of Egypt, so he said...

MOSES: How am I going to do this? (Whisper this to the child.)

GOD: I will be with you; that is all that you need, because I am God and no one is more powerful than I am. You can tell the people in Egypt that I sent you because I promised to help my people. All the Israelites will listen to you. But I know that Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, will not want to listen to you. I will prove to him that I am with you by doing all sorts of powerful miracles. Then he will obey me, and will give you and the Israelites all the food and money that you need to leave Egypt. Now Moses, get up and go, because I am with you!

Conclusion

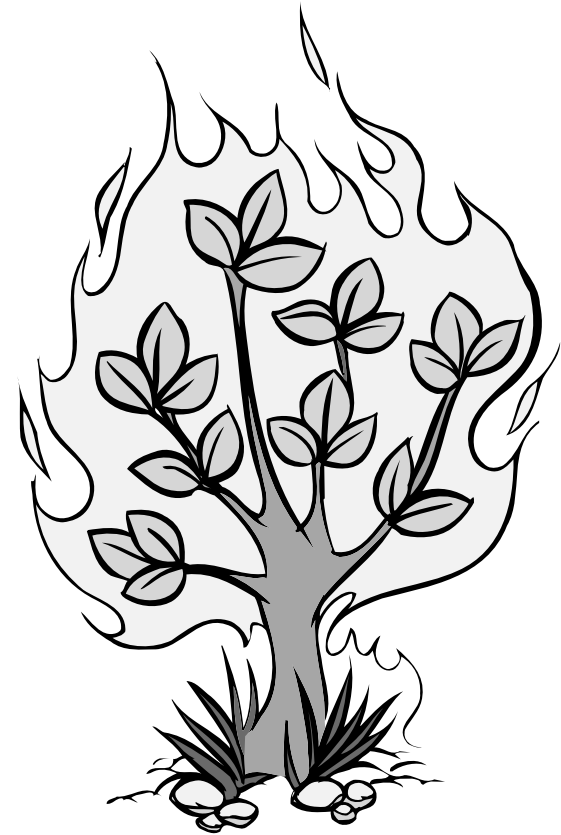
Ask the following questions as review:

What did God want Moses to do? (lead the people out of Egypt)
 Why did God want Moses to lead the people out of Egypt? (They were sad in Egypt and were praying to God to help them leave.)
 How did God talk to Moses? (from a burning bush)

Teacher Tips

- Be sure the child playing Moses is comfortable with his lines and actions.
- You may choose to have another adult sit behind the burning bush and play the part of God.

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Scripture Memory Verse

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Exodus 3:12

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For the teacher:

- magazines
- scissors
- glue stick
- marker

Preparation

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2. Glue each picture to an index card.
3. On the back of each card, write the word "WOW" in large letters.

Instructions

1. Show the children one of the cards. *What is this a picture of? Who made it?*
2. Turn the card around. *This says "WOW." That is how I feel when I see something that God has made.*
3. Place all of the cards, picture side up, on the floor in front of the children.
4. Have each child describe a picture and how God's power is shown in it. For example, a picture of friends shows that God has power to give us each other.
5. After a child describes a picture, have her turn the card over and say "WOW."

Scripture Memory Activity

Who remembers our memory verse? Choose a child to recite the verse.

Discuss each of the pictures with the children and how God is with us in each of the situations. For example, a picture of nature shows that God is with us because he creates beautiful places for us to live.

Conclusion

Choose a child to pray and thank God for his power.

God is so powerful that he can make a mountain. Can you make a mountain? Do you know anyone who can make a mountain? I don't know anyone who is as powerful as God and can make a mountain. I need to tell my friends how powerful God is. I don't think they know how powerful he is.

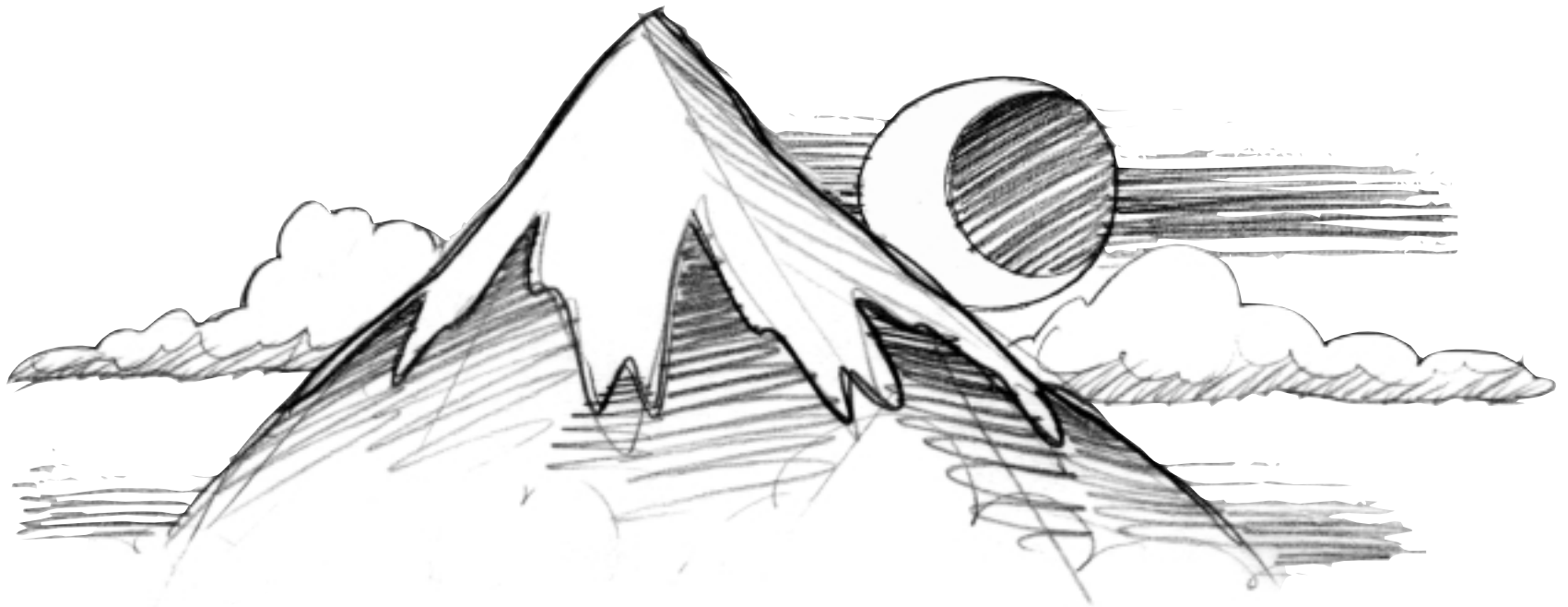
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Teacher Tips

Choose the pictures wisely. Be sure they depict everyday situations as well as spectacular ones. This will help the children to understand that God's power is everywhere.



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Holy Moses

This craft will help illustrate to the child how powerfully God helped the Israelites during their suffering in the desert.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of cardboard, 10" x 4½"
- glue stick
- 1 pipe cleaner

For the teacher:

- tape
- yellow, red, and orange tissue paper
- fabric
- scissors
- marker

Preparation

1. Make a pipe cleaner figure for each child, as shown in Figure A.
2. Cut a 3½" x 2" piece of fabric for each child.
3. Fold each piece of fabric in half, and then cut a small half circle along the fold. See Figure B.
4. Cut the tissue paper into 3" x 4" strips. Cut ten strips for each child.
5. Poke two small holes in the one of the shorter ends of each cardboard square. The holes should be large enough to fit the feet of the pipe cleaner figure. See Figure C for approximate placement.
6. Finish preparing the cardboard, as shown in Figure D.
 - A. In the center of the cardboard, write, "I will be with you."
 - B. Draw a 2" circle on the cardboard to the left of the scripture.
7. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Explain that this is Moses and the burning bush. *This will remind us of how God spoke powerfully to Moses through the burning bush. Do you know why God did this? Yes, he was concerned for his people who were sad. So when we look at this craft, we can remember that God works powerfully to take care of his people. We are his people, too!*
2. Give the children each a pipe cleaner figure and a piece of cardboard. Have them insert the figure's feet through the holes in the cardboard.
3. Have them bend up the feet of the figure as shown in Figure E. Have them tape the feet to the cardboard to keep the figure in place.
4. Give the children each a piece of fabric. Have them slip the fabric over the head of the figure.
5. Give the children each ten pieces of tissue paper. Have them crumple each piece individually and glue these to the circle on the cardboard. Explain to the children that this represents the burning bush.

Conclusion

Read the scripture written on the craft to the children. *Do you think that God was with Moses when he talked to him from the bush? (yes) Did he want Moses to help him? (yes) Was he going to help Moses? (yes)*

Teacher Tips

The children may need help to bend the feet of the pipe cleaner figures in place.

CRAFT

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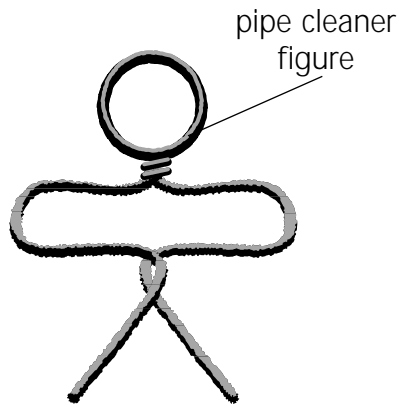


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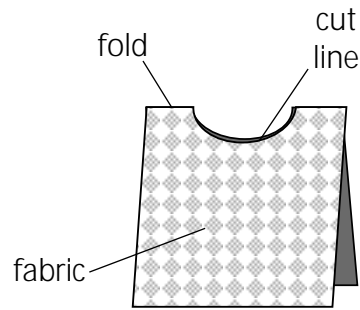


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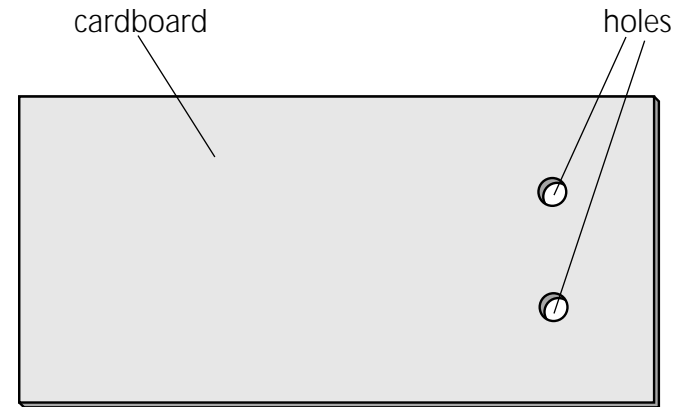


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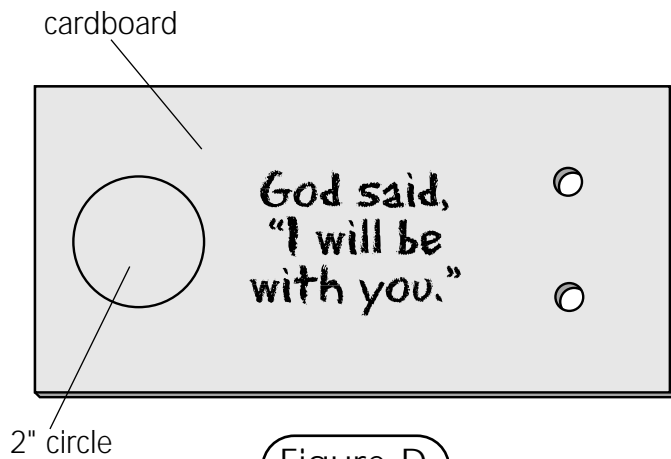


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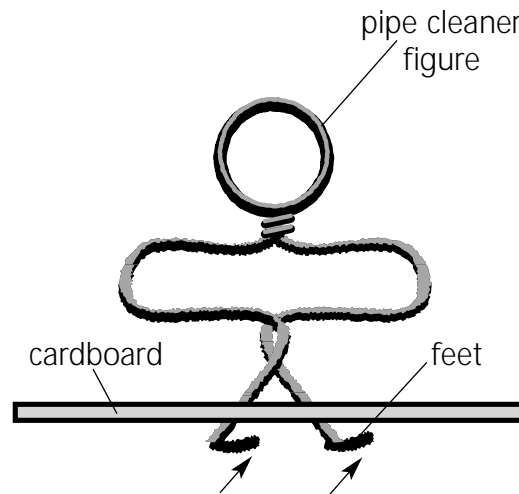
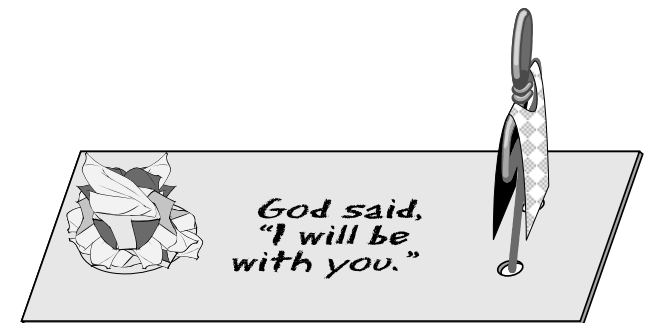


Figure E



Finished Craft





Pre class



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Preclass Activity: Moses Marker

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Power Spinner

Craft: Flaming Card

Life Application: WOW!

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

Moses Marker

The children will make bookmarks to help them remember the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick
- markers or crayons

For the teacher:

- poster board
- hole punch
- yarn or ribbon

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for every 3 children

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Cut a 3" x 6" piece of poster board for each child.
3. Punch a hole in the end of each piece of poster board.
4. Cut a 6" piece of yarn for each child.

Instructions

1. Give the children each a picture of Moses and the burning bush. Have them color the pictures.
2. Give the children each a piece of poster board. Have them glue the pictures onto the pieces of poster board, being careful not to cover up the holes at the ends.
3. Give the children each a piece of yarn. Have them put it through the holes and help them to tie them.

Teacher Tips

If time allows, have the children make a second bookmark to give to a friend.



Power Spinner

This game will help the children understand that God can use them to help others in many different ways.

Materials

For the teacher:

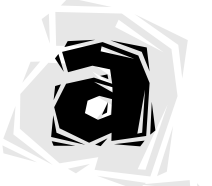
- 2 paper plates
- 1 brass fastener
- magazines
- glue
- scissors
- pencil

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the spinner and the arrow stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page B.
2. Trace the arrow stencil onto one of the paper plates, and then cut it out.
3. Glue the spinner onto the back of the other paper plate.
4. Punch a hole through the center of the spinner and another hole through the center of the spinner arrow.
5. Push the brass fastener through the hole in the arrow, and then through the hole in the spinner to attach them.
6. Cut out six small pictures from the magazines of different situations that show "needs," for example, cut out a picture of a child crying or needing comfort.
7. Glue each picture to a different section of the spinner.

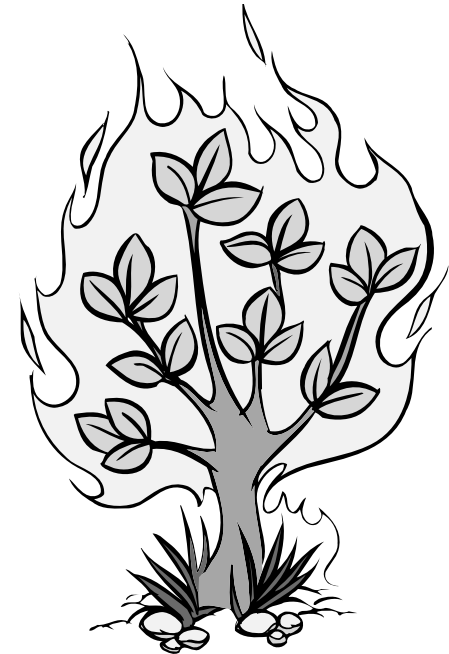


Instructions

1. Tell the children: *In the Bible story we learned that God protects us. He also uses other people to protect us and take care of us. We can take care of others, too!* Show them the different pictures on the spinner. *Look at the pictures on this spinner. God wants us to help and take care of all these people.*
2. Have each child take a turn spinning the arrow to select a picture.
3. Ask the children to explain or describe the need depicted in the pictures that they selected.
4. Ask them ways that God might want them to help the person in the picture.

Teacher Tips

- Be careful not to pick pictures that are violent in nature.
- If the children keep repeating the same answers, then ask them leading questions to help them think of other ways they might help.





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Flaming Card

This craft will remind the children of how God spoke to Moses through the burning bush. It will help them visualize the power of God.

Materials

For each child:

- brass fastener
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- plastic wrap
- poster board
- tissue paper, red, yellow and orange
- construction paper, brown and green
- utility knife
- scissors
- hole punch
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut a 8½" x 11" piece of poster board for each child.
2. Prepare the card as follows:
 - A. Fold each piece of poster board in half making a 5½" x 8½" card.
 - B. Cut a 2" flame-shaped window in the front panel of each card using the utility knife. See Figure A.
 - C. Cut a 3" square of plastic wrap for each child.
 - D. Tape the plastic wrap to the inside of each card covering the flame-shaped window. See Figure B.
 - E. Make a small hole through both panels of the card approximately 1" below the flame-shaped window. See Figure C. The holes should be large enough for a brass fastener to fit through.
 - F. Fold each card and cut a small half circle along the outer edges. The half circle should be aligned with the hole in the front panel. See Figure D.

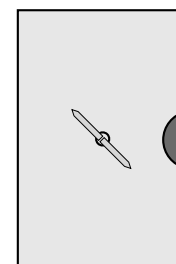
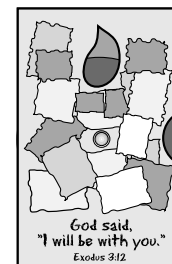
3. Prepare the "wheel" as follows:
 - A. Cut out the circle stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page C.
 - B. Trace and cut out one circle for each child from the poster board.
 - C. Make a small hole in the center of each circle. The hole should be large enough for a brass fastener to fit through.
4. On the bottom of the front panel of each card, write: God said, "I will be with you." (Exodus 3:12).
5. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Give each child a wheel and a piece of each color of tissue paper.
2. Have the children tear the tissue paper into small pieces and glue the pieces to one side of the wheel.
3. Give each child a card and a piece of construction paper.
4. Have the children tear the construction paper into small pieces and glue the pieces to the front panel of the card.
5. Have the children attach their wheels to the inside of their cards as follows:
 - A. Make sure that the tissue paper is visible through the flame-shaped window.
 - B. Align the holes in both the card and the wheel, and then attach them with the brass fastener. See Figure E.

Conclusion

Talk to the children about ways God's power can be seen. God's power can be seen in a burning bush, in a thunderstorm, in the wind, in little babies, when people are kind and loving, etc.



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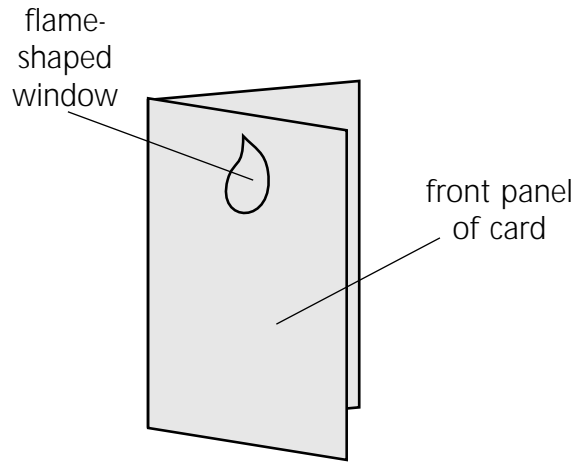


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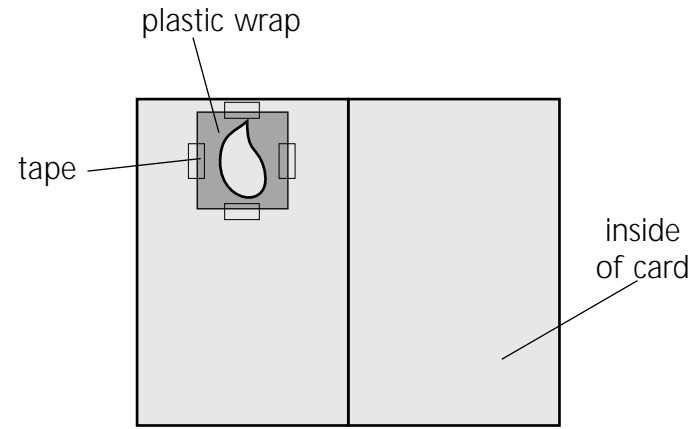


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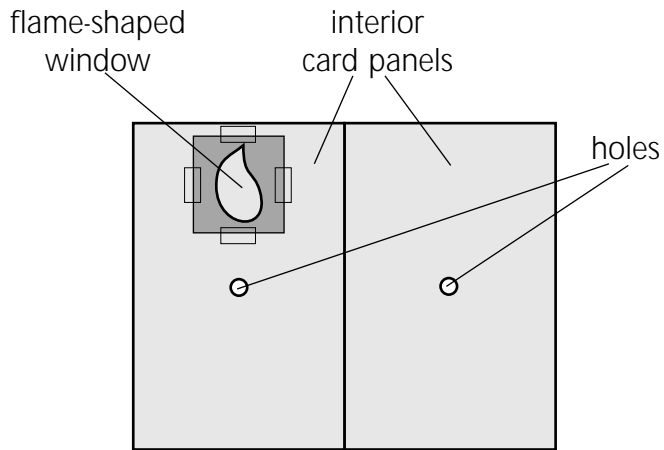


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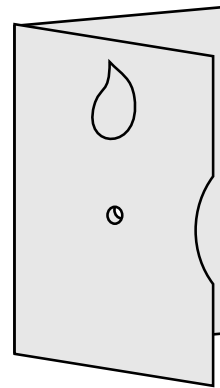


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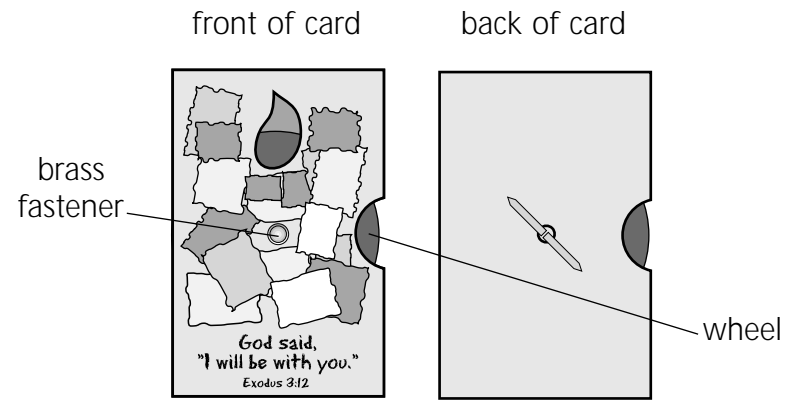


Figure E





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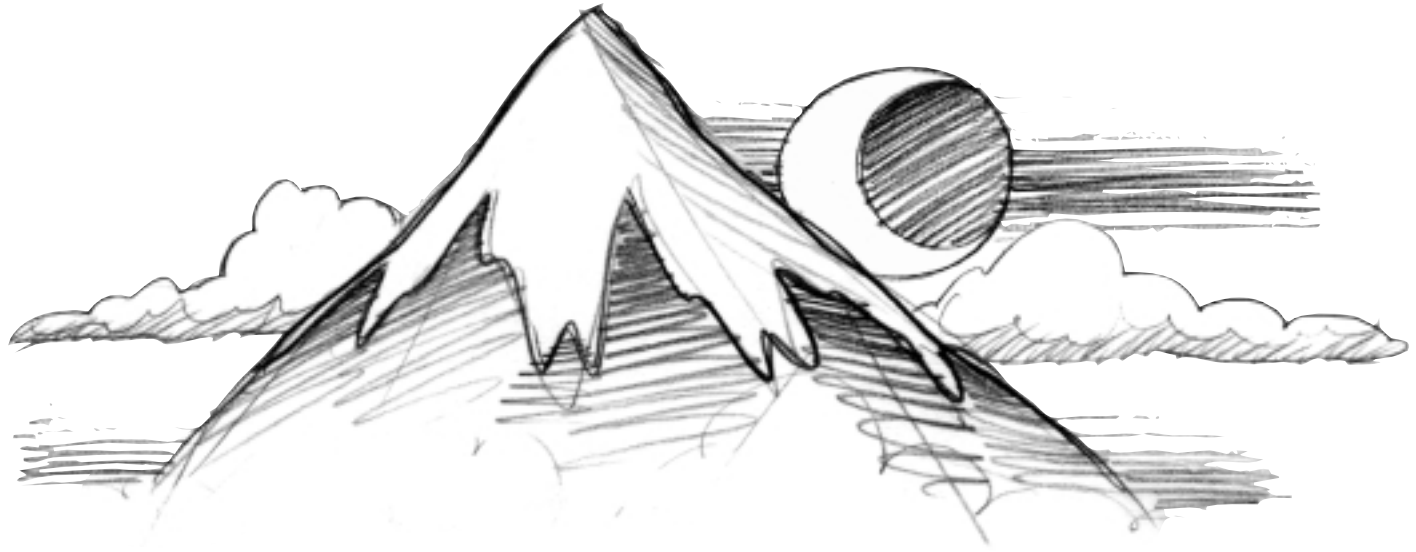
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Read-Observe-Respond

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Supplement/Preclass
1 copy for every 3 children

Heroes of Old

Lesson 2



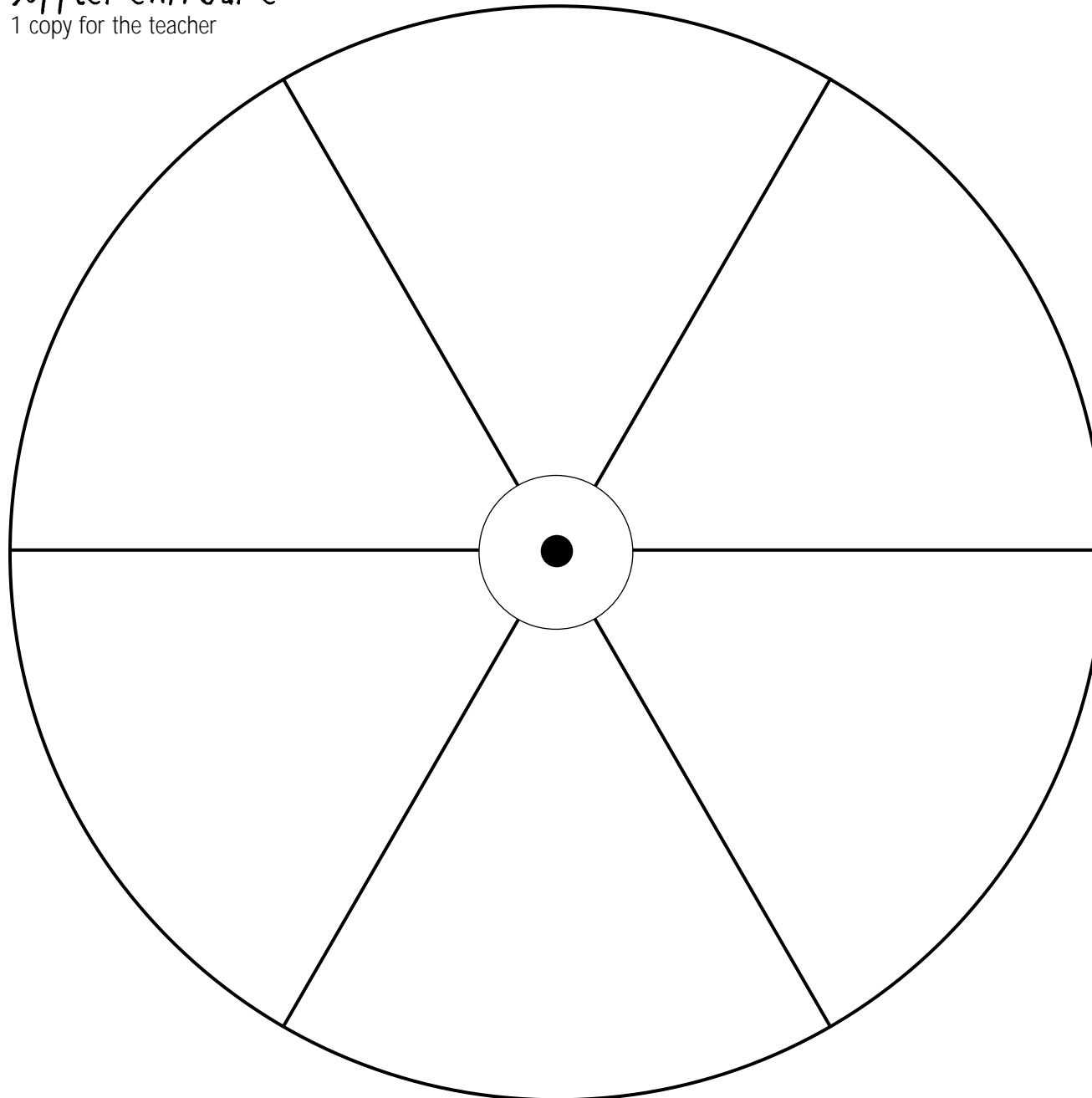
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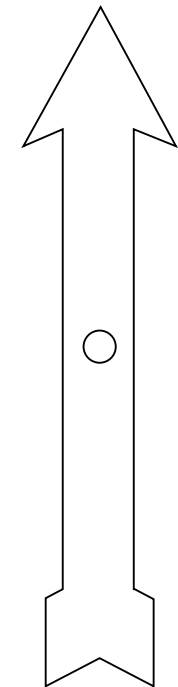
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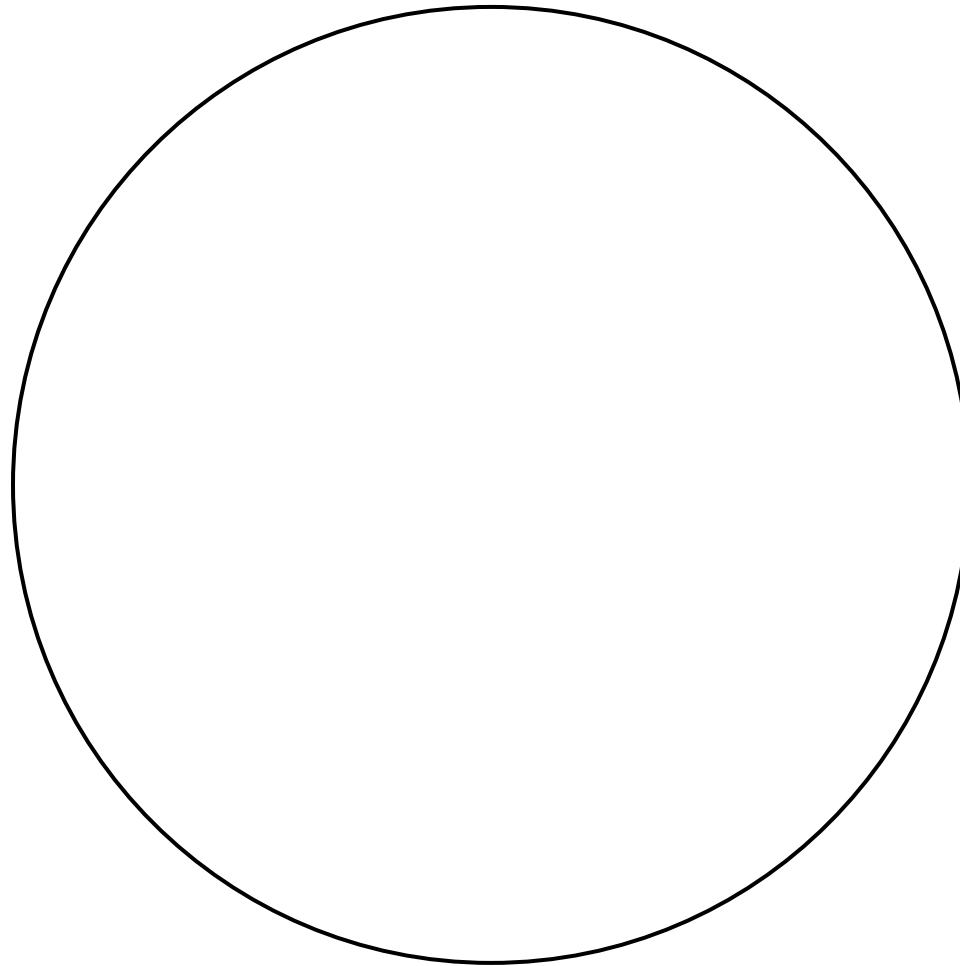


arrow stencil



4 and 5 Year Olds

Supplement/Craft
1 copy for the teacher



circle stencil

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4 and 5 Year Olds

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