



3RD - 5TH

4.1
God Called Moses



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Do you ever have dreams when you sleep? What is something you dreamed about that was amazing? Maybe you flew in the air or went to a fun place.



NAME TAG MATCH

Start by 9:20/10:45

Provide each kid with a name tag. Instruct kids to write their name on the name tag as well as the following information:

- favorite color
- number of siblings (if none, write zero)
- nickname they go by
- favorite sport or hobby

When kids have finished adding their information, collect the name tags. Randomly choose a name tag and begin reading the information without saying the kid's name. Challenge kids to guess who the name tag belongs to. If kids struggle to guess correctly, offer additional hints such as what the kid is wearing or other facts kids might know about her. Continue until every name tag has been guessed correctly. Distribute the name tags to each kid and encourage kids to wear them.

We know each other by our names. Today, we will see how God revealed His name to Moses. God told Moses that He is 'I AM WHO I AM.' We'll also see how God told Moses He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God's name was meant to encourage and strengthen Moses for the task God had called him to. God called Moses and promised to help him.

START BY

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW

9:30/10:55



LARGE GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Exodus 3. Lead kids to find verse 2 and ask them what they notice about the word Lord. When we see the word Lord in all caps, it refers to the personal name of God, Yahweh. God declared He is to be remembered by this name forever (Exodus 3:15).

- **Who did God promise to give the land of Canaan to?** (call on responses). Before Moses was born, God promised to give the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants. God repeated that same promise to Moses. As we'll later see, God kept this promise.
- **Why can we trust God's promises?** We can trust God's promises because they are always true. God promises that anyone who trusts in Jesus and asks for forgiveness will be forgiven and given eternal life. When we put our faith in Jesus, we are welcomed into God's kingdom, and one day all who belong to Him will live in the new heaven and new earth.



DISCUSSION

*Have students discuss these questions with a partner first then discuss as a group.

God shows mercy when He shows kindness instead of punishment. How did you see God's mercy toward Moses in today's story? God displayed His mercy toward Moses when he killed an Egyptian by allowing him to escape death by the hands of Pharaoh. God also showed mercy and patience when Moses kept making excuses to obey God's command to go back to Egypt. We receive mercy when we trust in Jesus even though we deserve punishment for our sin. (Option: Read Ephesians 2:4-5)

What excuses do we make when we don't want to do something God has commanded?

Answers will vary. It might be helpful for leaders to share their own. Moses made excuses to God, but God promised to be with him and help him. God's commands are for our good and He gives believers the grace and strength to obey through the Holy Spirit. (Option: Read Deuteronomy 30:20)

How did God show His power to Moses? How do we experience His power? God showed Moses His power through changing Moses' staff into a snake and through the burning bush. We can experience God's power in many ways: answering prayers, forgiveness of sins, and sharing the gospel. (Option: Read Jeremiah 32:17)



SHOE ROUND UP

Form kids into two teams and guide kids from each team to remove their shoes. Place each team's shoes in a pile in the center of the room. Then line up each team on opposite sides of the room. Challenge one kid from each team to find the shoes for the kids on their team. Tell kids to place their shoes back on their feet when their teammate finds them. Kids may provide hints and direction to help their teammate find their shoes. The team to have all kids place their shoes on their feet first wins.

It was a challenging task for your teammate to find every kid's shoe. Moses probably felt like God's call to rescue the Israelites was a challenging task as well. Yet, God called Moses and promised to help him. You helped your teammate by giving directions to find your shoes, and God promised to help Moses through His great power. God also calls believers to share Jesus with others, and He promises to help them as they do.



Big Picture Question: *Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.*



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.