

God Reveals Himself (12/4/22)

Main Verses: Exodus 3:1-5

Key Verse: Exodus 3:4

'Takeaway': Like the burning bush that Moses encountered, God reveals himself to us in an amazing way through the Bible.

Getting Started: How does God reveal himself to us?



READ Exodus 3:1-5 (or have an older kid read it)

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What was the amazing sight Moses saw?
- Who or what does the fire represent?
- Why did Moses have to take off his sandals?

Elementary:

- Why is Horeb called "the mountain of God"?
- How does the angel appear to Moses? Who or what does the fire (flame) represent?
- Why was that place holy?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God reveals himself to his people in ways they can comprehend. Here, through a burning bush, and for us, through his word.
- Fire is often associated with special displays of God's presence. Since the bush was not burnt up, it may have been a picture or reminder that God always *is*.
- This conversation happened directly between God and Moses.
- The place was holy because of God's presence and activity there. Moses removed his sandals out of respect for and humility before the presence of God.
- God's Word is holy. We meet him there and he acts in our lives through his word. (see Hebrews 4:12)

Elementary:

- God reveals himself to his people, then, through a burning bush, and now, through his word.
- Even though the angel of the Lord was active and communicating with people throughout Genesis and Exodus; here, it is a conversation between God and Moses that is shown. Fire is often associated with special displays of God's presence. Since the bush was not burnt up, it may have been a picture or reminder that God always *is* (the name God reveals in 3:14-15 stresses this: "I AM"--*Yahweh*, the always existing one').
- To stay at a distance and to remove his sandals was a sign of respect and humility. This place was holy because of God's presence and activity there.
- Likewise, we should approach God's word with respect and humility. God is present and active in and through his word. (see Hebrews 4:12)

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank him for his word. Thank him for revealing himself to us (especially through the "Word" that became flesh (John 1:14), Jesus) so that we can know him and love him more as we grow. Ask him to help you come to his word with a respectful heart and to learn more about him as you read the Bible.

(Elementary) Talk to God and thank him for his word (especially through the "Word" that became flesh (John 1:14), Jesus). Talk to him about what you know about his word and what you want to know more about him and his word. Thank him for revealing himself to us through the Bible so we can know him and love him more as we grow in him. Ask him to help you to always approach him and his word with awe and humility, and to help you to learn more about him and what he wants you to do as you read the Bible.