

Nurturing Faithful Families



Sanbornton
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One important way the church can support parents and families is to provide tools for them to make it easier for them to share their own faith with their children.

For the summer months we will be sending by email, bible stories and activities for your children and youth to explore and experience God's love. I would love to have the children share with me any of the things they do!

Send me a photo or a video.

Exodus 3: 1-4

3 ¹⁻² Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. The angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush.

He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up. ³ Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?"

⁴ God saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

Moses replied:

"Yes? I'm right here!"

⁵ God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy

Read the rest of this Old Testament "campfire" story. Exodus 3: 1-12 **Why do you think God is calling Moses????**



Activity

A New Meaning to S'Mores

A s'more prayer

First you need a graham cracker: start by greeting God. Use the name for God that helps you to pray. (So many ways: God, Loving God, Creator God, God of Hope, Abba, Jesus, Holy One—so many)

Chocolate: God's love is sweet! Thank God for all the ways you feel God's love—the warmth of the campfire, delicious food to eat, the beauty of nature around you, and the time with your family and friends. Have each person around the fire share what they are thankful for.

Marshmallow: Life can get sticky, so we ask God for help. We make mistakes sometimes. Ask God to help you and other people. You might ask for healing for someone who is sick, peace for the world or anything!! Share what you are praying for with those around the campfire.

Final Graham Cracker:

End your prayer with a group AMEN!

Creator God, I love chocolate and s'mores—thank you! God of Hope, please be with those who are sick and in need your help and love! Amen

Feel free to share all the Nurturing Faithful Families newsletters with other families!!

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