

Children's Message
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Supplies: Easel, paper pad pre-written with "Moses in a Nutshell" (next page)

Good morning!

So it's over...it feels a little like the Sunday after Christmas to me...VBS is over for this year- all that planning and expectation- and now it's all over. But I do feel great about something- I think that everyone who participated in VBS learned a WHOLE lot about Moses!

So, last week, we brainstormed everything we knew about Moses and I wrote those things down (and I told you that's what I did on the first day of every school year when I was a history teacher.) But what I didn't tell you is what I did on the last day of every school year. I gave them a final exam. Today is test day!

Let's see how we do on my Moses final exam- titled: "Moses in a Nutshell."

Nice job! I am very impressed with how much you know about Moses- and it was a HUGE improvement over your brainstorming last week. I think I will give you an "A!"

Even though this was our Moses final exam- we are not finished learning about Moses. We are going to spend our whole summer of Sunday school learning even more because the story of Moses is such an important part of the Bible- we not only learn about Moses and all of the other people that were involved in his life, but we learn an awful lot about God. We learn about trusting in God- over and over again we see people putting their trust into God- Jochebed, Miriam, Moses, the Israelites. We learn that we have to listen for God calling to us- just like God called to Moses in the burning bush. Now, I am sure that when God calls to *us* it won't be nearly as exciting as bush that is on fire, but not burning up- but it will be equally as important. We also learn that we have to continue to follow God, even when the road we are on seems difficult or even impossible- we must remind ourselves that God is always there, providing, nurturing and loving us.

Pastor Sue Ann, will you please lead us in a prayer?

Moses in a Nutshell

A long time ago a baby named Moses was born in _____ to a _____ family. Moses' mother, _____, knew that something awful was going to happen to Moses, so she hid him for _____ months, but then realized that he was no longer safe. So, she decided to put Moses into the _____ River in a basket. Through the grace of God, _____ pulled Baby Moses out of the river. Then, Moses' sister, _____, told her that she knew a woman who could raise him. That woman was Moses' _____. So, baby Moses was never really apart from his _____.

Moses grew up in _____'s castle. One day, when he was a young man, Moses got really mad because he saw a slave being treated badly. After Moses took care of that problem, Moses got out of there really fast and spent the next years of his life as a _____. One day, Moses was tending his _____ when he came across a _____ that wasn't burning up! And a voice was coming from it! It was the voice of _____! He told Moses to go tell _____ to "_____!"

But, _____ said, "_____!"

So, God sent 10 really BAD _____ down upon the people of Egypt, like _____, _____, & _____. Finally, _____ said, "yes!" But he was REALLY mad. So he sent his army after the Israelites. The Israelites were running away really fast but all of a sudden there was water in front of them! Oh no! So Moses lifted his _____ and parted the _____ Sea! The Israelites hurried across, and the sea came back together before the Egyptian armies could cross. Phew!

Now the Israelites were wandering all around in the wilderness and they got really hungry and thirsty. But God provided for His people. Moses raised his staff and _____ came from a rock. And every day there was _____ on the ground for the people to eat.

Next, Moses and the Israelites came to a mountain and Moses climbed up to get the 10 _____. Moses came back down with them, but found the people dancing around a _____! Moses was furious! They weren't worshipping God, they were worshipping a _____. Moses _____ the first set of _____. But he climbed back up and got another set. Phew!

Finally, the Israelites made it to the _____ but Moses stayed behind and didn't cross into the _____.