

This week

*Westworth Kids*

Will be learning about

The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-15



## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

### The Burning Bush

from Exodus 3:1-15.

**People are called by God to help God.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Burning bush
- Moses
- Shoes
- God
- Go!

The story of Moses and the burning bush took place on Mt. Horeb, which is also called Mt. Sinai. It was known as the Mountain of God.

**Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

Spark Story Bible pages 72-75

Spark Bible pages 61-62

## Family Prayer

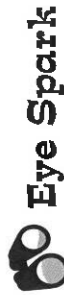
God, we thank you for calling us to do things to help you and each other in the world. Give us good courage and confidence when you ask us to do something that seems impossible. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?
- 2 What do you think God needs YOU to do? What can we do to help each other be willing to do what God asks of us?
- 3 How and when does God talk to you?
- 4 What are the big and little challenges you have coming up this week? How can God help you?



### Eye Spark

When you see the flame of a candle or flames in a fireplace, remember God speaking to Moses.



### Ear Spark

When you hear someone in your family or a guest come into your home, ask them to take off their shoes and remind them of Moses.

Classroom, The Burning Bush Family Page, Spark™ Sunday School  
© 2009 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May be reproduced for local use provided every copy carries this notice.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Build a fire or light a candle and talk about what you think God's voice sounds like.

### For younger kids

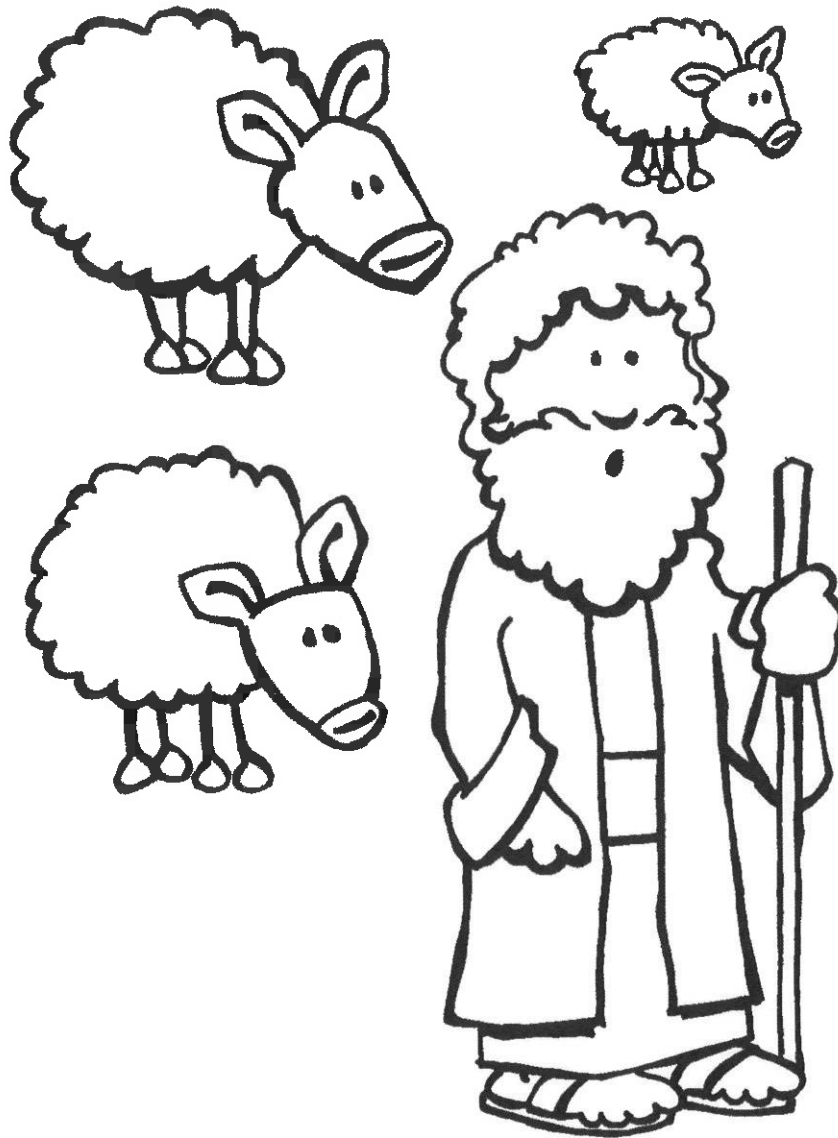
Ask your pastor if you can help to clean or shine some of the holy things in your church.

### For older kids

On the internet, find a song about Moses being called to help God free the Israelites. Or at the library, listen to it or learn to sing it yourself! One popular song titled, "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" is based on the song "Louie, Louie," written by Richard Berry in the 1950s.



# The Burning Bush



Moses was watching his sheep in the hot, dry desert.

# The Burning Bush



“Take off your shoes,” the voice thundered.

# The Burning Bush



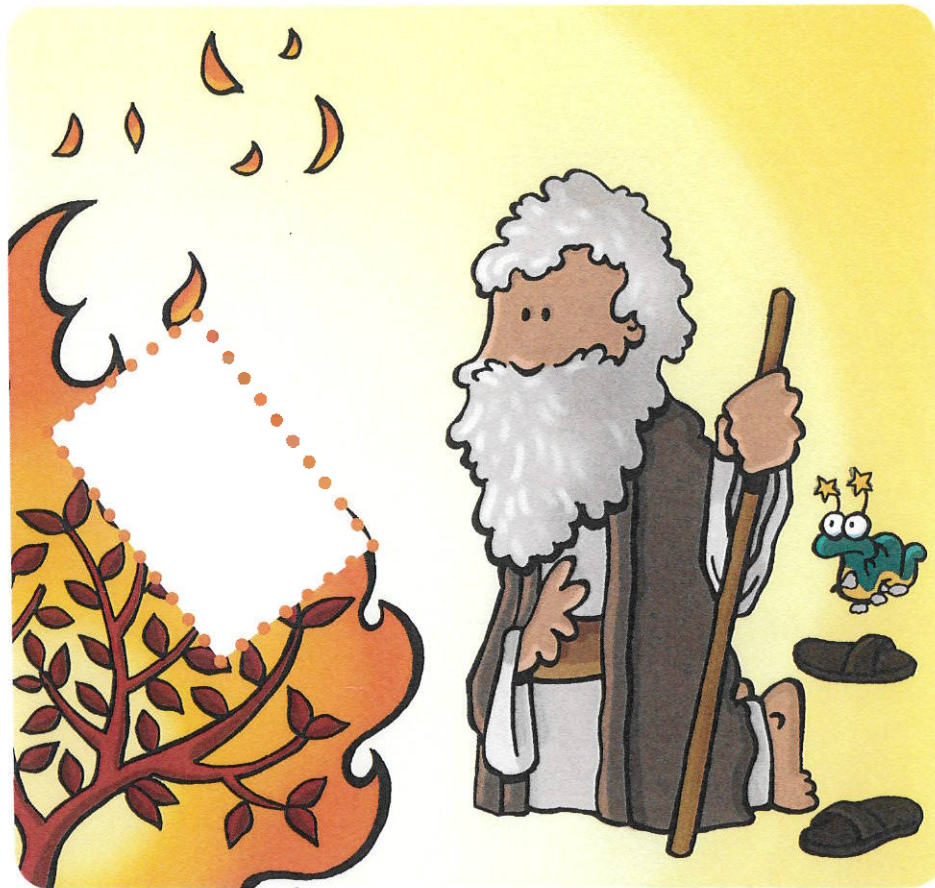
Exodus 3:1–15

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**God can call us in surprising ways.**

## Surprise Moses!

God called Moses in a surprising way to do an important job. Sing the words next to Moses to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or read as a rhythmic rap.



**Bush is burning,**

Bush is burning,

**It's not hot!**

It's not hot!

**Moses, God is calling**

Moses, God is calling

**Ready or not,**

Ready or not.

**Take your shoes off,**

Take your shoes off,

**Holy Ground!**

Holy Ground!

**Moses go to Pharaoh,**

Moses go to Pharaoh,

**Trust in God!**

Trust in God!

Today's Bible story, **The Burning Bush**, is from the book of **Exodus**. Exodus is the second book of the Bible. The first **five** books are called the "Pentateuch." (pronounced PENT-ah-took) "Pent" means five, like a pentagon is a five-sided shape.

# My Surprise

Moses was surprised when God called to him from the burning bush.



I was surprised once when:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

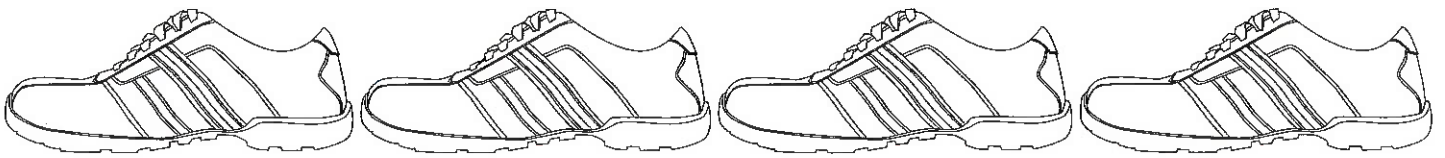
---

TRY IT!

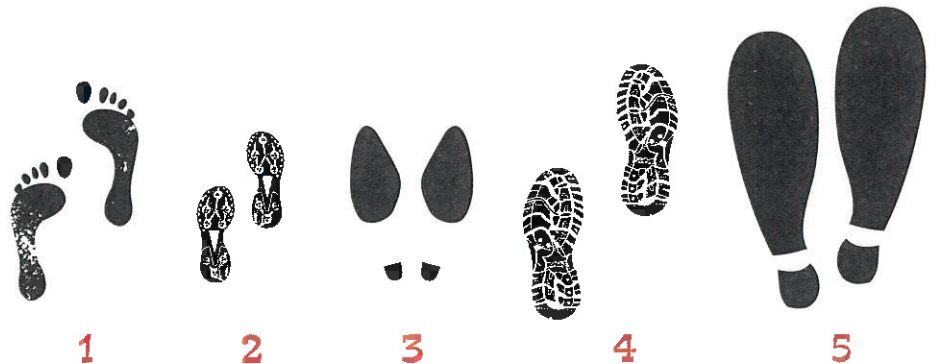
# Fun with Feet!

God asked Moses to remove his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Try figuring out the order of these colored shoes.

The blue shoe is two to the left of the white shoe. The white shoe is one to the left of the brown shoe. The brown shoe is two to the right of the black shoe. In what order are the shoes?



Who would leave footprints or shoe-prints like these?



Faith  
on the Go!

Today's Bible story, **The**   **Bush**, is from the book of  . Exodus is the second book of the

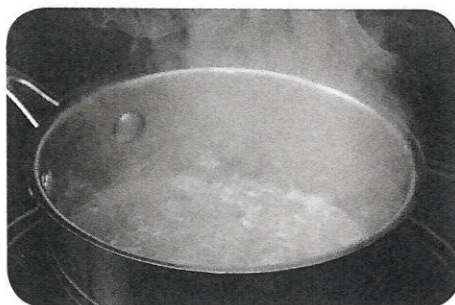
Bible. The first   books are called the "Pentateuch." (pronounced PENT-ah-took) "Pent" means five, like a pentagon is a five-sided shape.

# Burning Changes

When God spoke to Moses from a burning bush, the bush didn't burn up! That was very unusual. Most things change when they are burned. When God called Moses, the bush didn't turn into ash. When God calls, it can be very surprising!



Wood and bushes usually turn into ashes.



Water boils.



Oil makes smoke.

**God** can call us in **surprising** ways.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

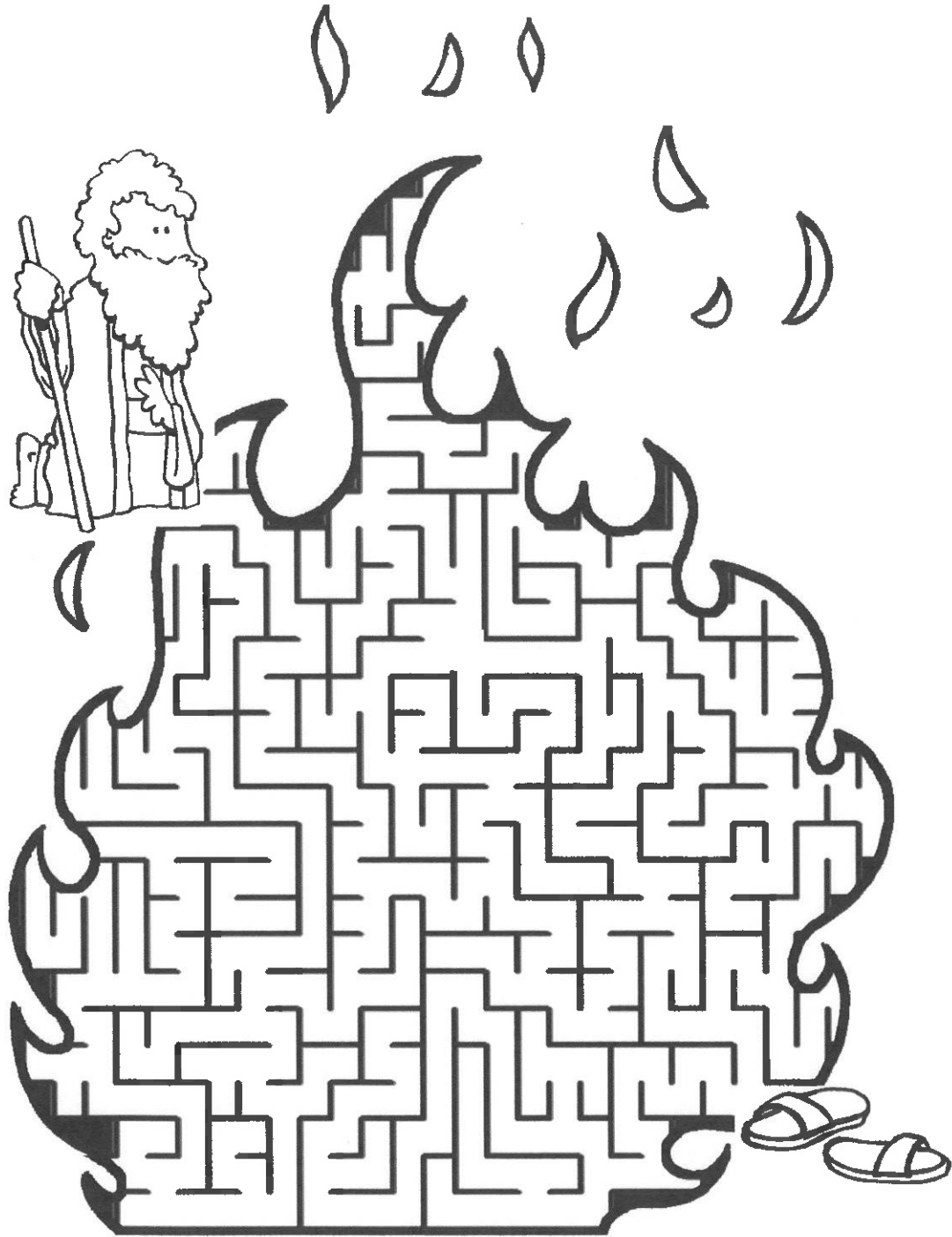
## I want to:

- \_\_\_ Tell you about Moses and the burning bush
- \_\_\_ Learn about fire safety
- \_\_\_ Pretend we're on holy ground
- \_\_\_ Put my shoes away
- \_\_\_ Draw a picture of a burning bush

- \_\_\_ Help you polish your shoes
- \_\_\_ Invite you to church
- \_\_\_ Give you a big hug
- \_\_\_ Say "I'm sorry"
- \_\_\_ Pray for you
- \_\_\_ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_

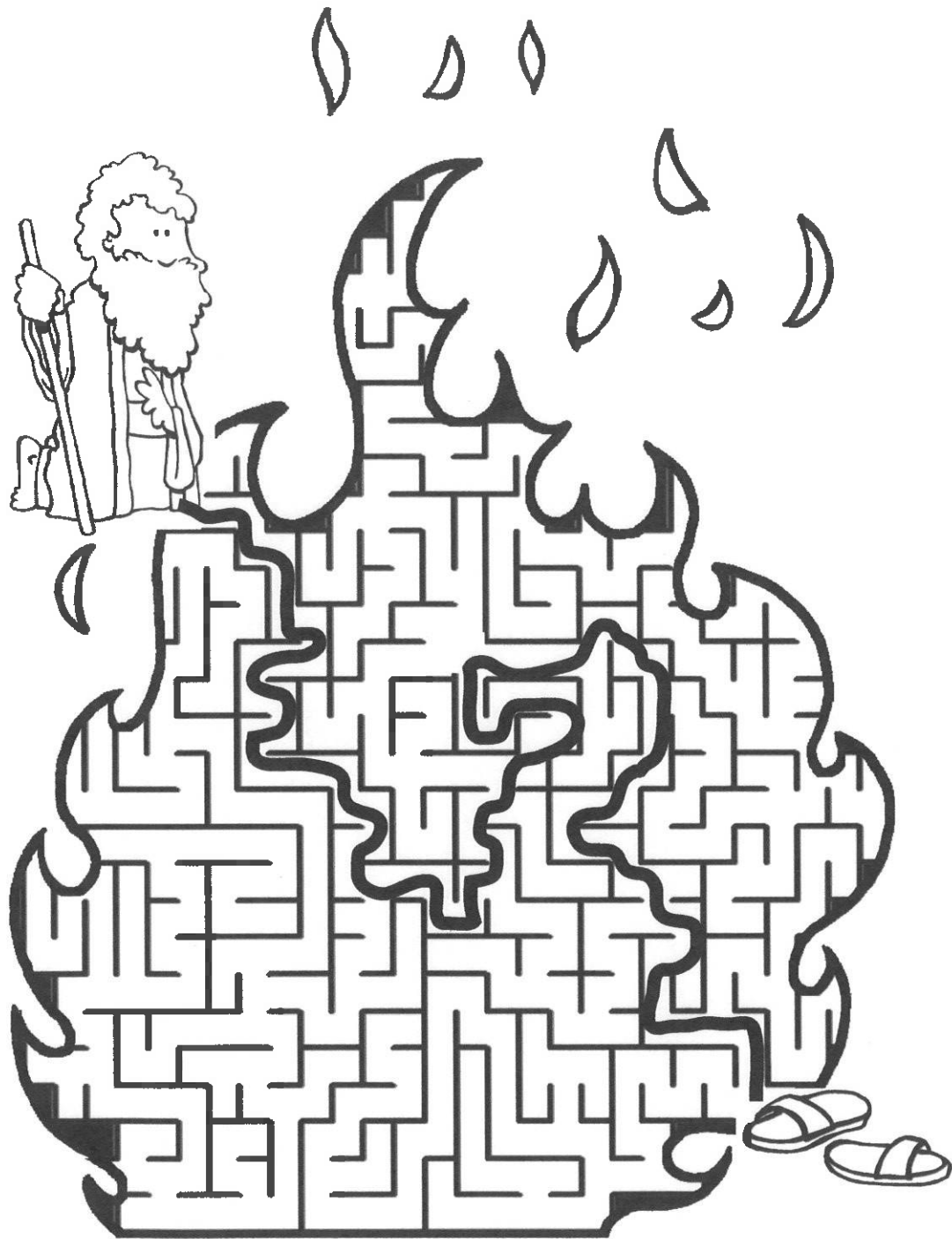
# Moses Maze

God talked to Moses through a burning bush of flames. Guide Moses through the flame to his sandals.



# Moses Maze Solution

God talked to Moses through a burning bush of flames. Guide Moses through the flame to his sandals.



# The Burning Bush



Exodus 3:1-15

God <sup>sees</sup> unexpected  
people as **leaders.**

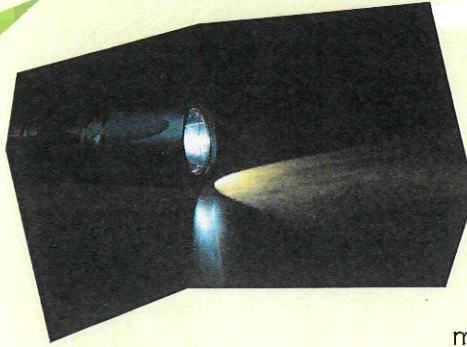


What would you have  
to see to **believe?**



Grades 5-6, Classroom, The Burning Bush Leaflet, Spark: Activate Faith © 2009 sparkhouse. All rights reserved.  
May not be reproduced.

# Almost Tough



Evan is a pretty tough guy. He loves to play football and wrestle around with his older brother, and he's willing to try anything. As long as there is light. You see, Evan is scared—terrified—of the dark. He's never been to a sleepover because of this fear. Of course, he never tells anyone that he's scared of the dark. He usually makes up excuses for why he can't do

anything with his friends without the lights on. Evan sleeps with a light on in his room and a flashlight in his bed. He wishes he could overcome his fear, but he's not sure how.

**How would you help Evan deal with his fear of the dark?**

---

---

**What are you afraid of?**

---

---



## Did You Know?

Over 1 billion trees are destroyed each year in Canada as a result of forest fires.



## Look It Up!

Find the places mentioned in Exodus 3:1-15 on a map in your Spark Bible. Find Midian, Mt. Horeb, Egypt, Canaan, and the lands of the Hittites and Amorites.

## Finding God

Help Moses find his way to God! Start at the footprints at the bottom left. You can move up, down, right, or left (not diagonally!) to the next footprint only if it is the same side (right or left) or the same color as the footprint you're on.

**START**


**FINISH**

## Out of Curiosity



How do you think people in your church would react if you showed up barefoot one Sunday?

---

---

---

# Impossible Mission

**Moses** was asked to do something that he was certain he couldn't do. God

promised to be with him and to give him the words to say. Write the story of a time you were asked to do something you thought was impossible. What were you asked to do? How did it go? What did you learn from the experience?

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Faith on the Go!

God spoke to Moses through a bush that was on fire but never burned up. We can be reminded of God's presence when we find ourselves outdoors. During the week, find an outdoor project to complete. Perhaps it's mowing the lawn at home or church, trimming bushes and shrubs at school, or pulling weeds out of the sidewalk on your street. Be reminded of how God continues to speak to us through the things God created.



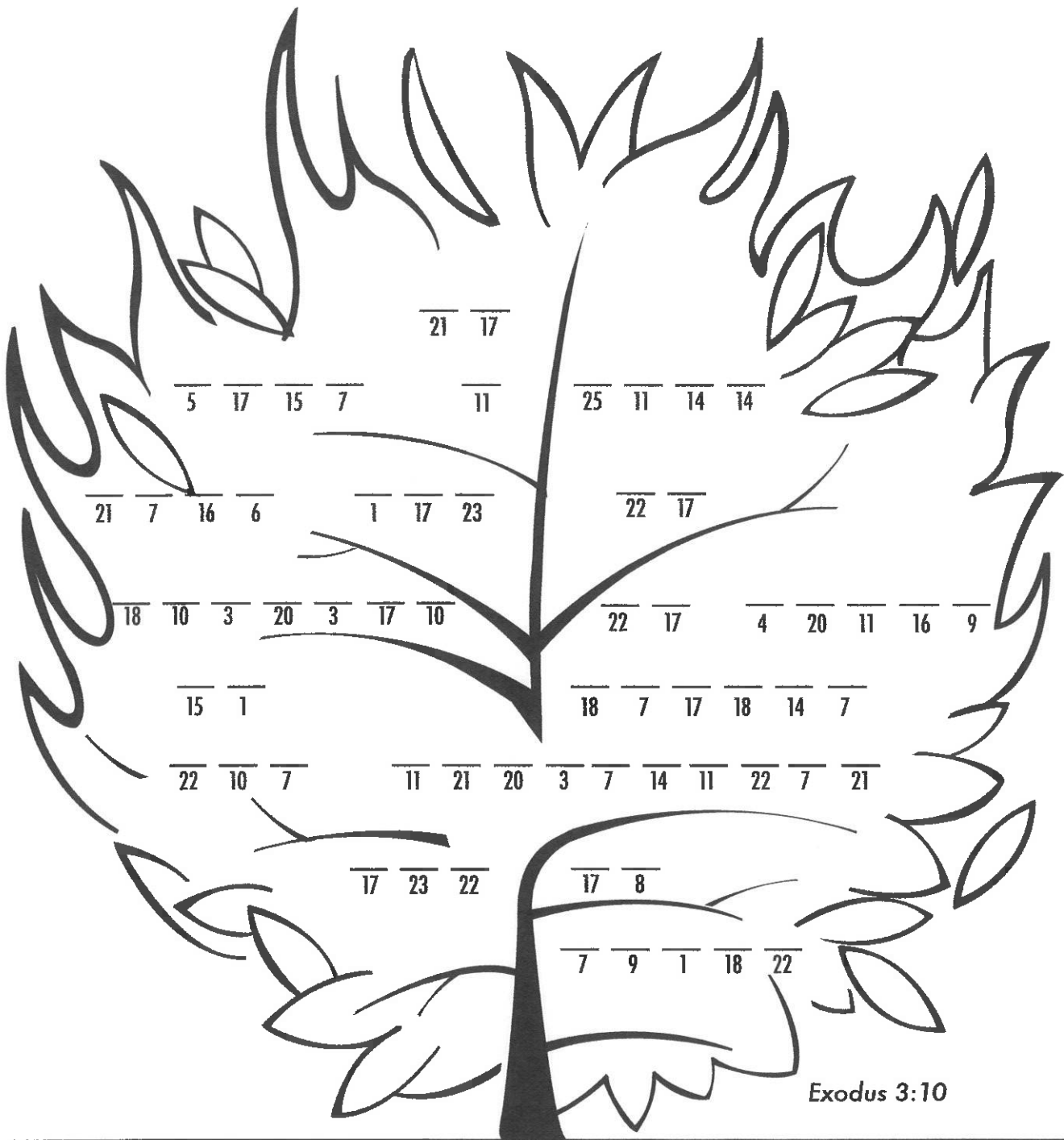
## Memory Verse

[God] said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you."  
Exodus 3:12a



# Flaming Decoder

Discover the Bible Memory Verse by solving the letter and number code.



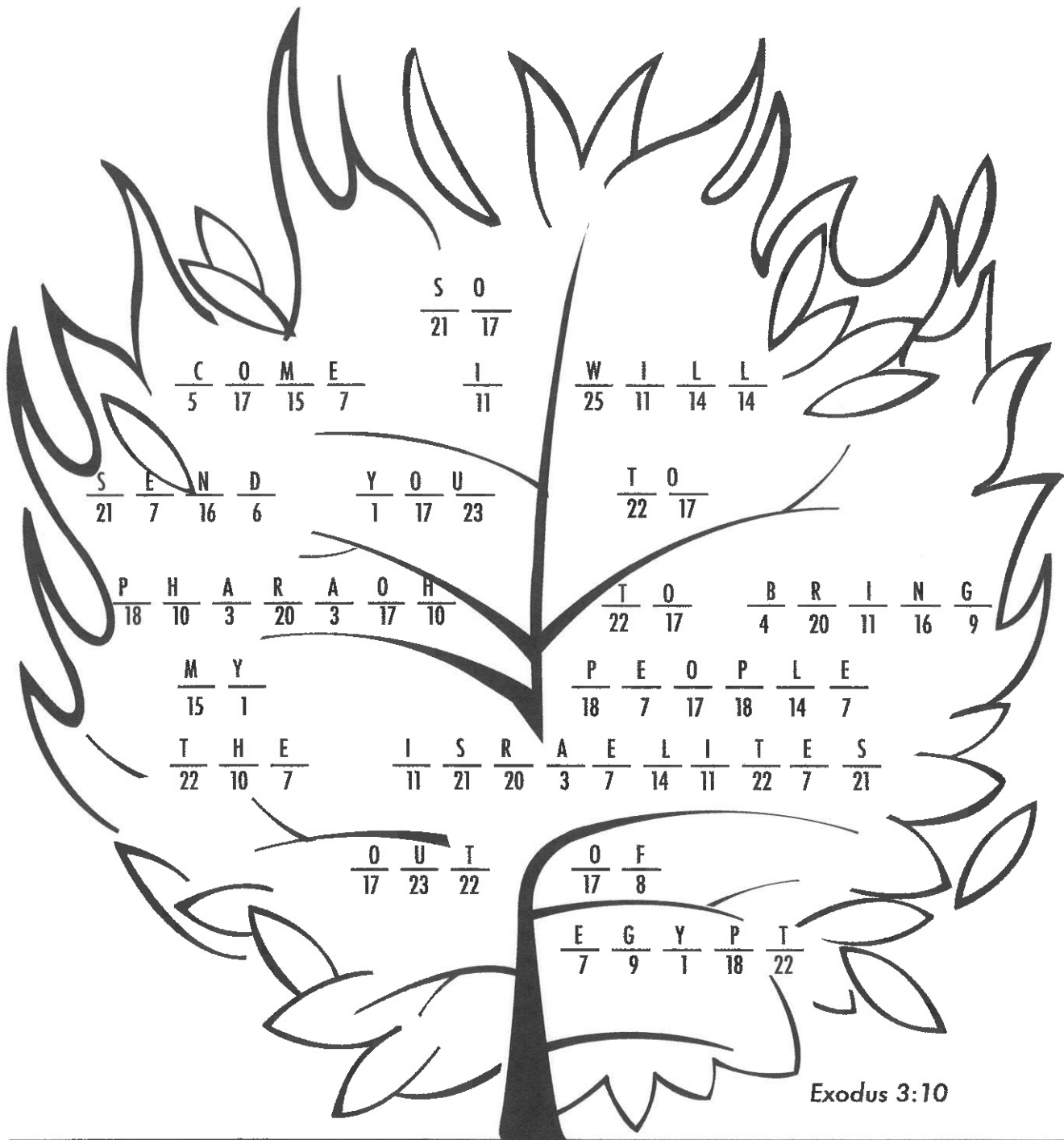
Exodus 3:10

## code

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	1	2

# Flaming Decoder Solution

Discover the Bible Memory Verse by solving the letter and number code.



## code

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	1	2