



MOSES THE BURNING BUSH

Activity 1

Tug of War

Use something soft like an old tea towel cut into strips as a rope. Mark two lines on the floor about 12-15 feet apart from each other. Choose 2 family members who are similar in size and strength and ask them to stand beside each other facing opposite directions in the middle of the two lines. Bring their 2 closest legs together and tie them with a strip of cloth. Each of them must try to reach their line by pulling against each other. Set a time limit (e.g. 20-30 seconds). If the players are evenly matched there will be deadlock between them. How hard was it for the volunteers to get to their destination? It was probably a struggle to go a short distance. Fear can have this effect on us stopping us from doing what we want to do. Fear can be like something pulling us the other way. Have you ever been so afraid that you haven't been able to do something? Has fear ever stopped you from doing something God wants you to do? Moses was struggling to overcome his fears in today's bible story.

Activity 2

Story time

For the story,
watch the video
on the St. Mark's website!

Activity 4

Burning Bush Salt Painting

You will need:

Instruction sheet (find at <https://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/all-aboard-bitesized/>), black paper (or any colour you have), chalk/pencil, PVA glue, salt, liquid water-based paint, paintbrushes, tray
Follow the instruction sheet to create your brightly coloured burning bush picture.



Activity 3

Ice cube challenge

Fill a glass with water and place an ice cube in the water. Challenge yourself to extract the ice-cube from the glass using only a piece of string. You are not allowed to touch the ice cube with your hands. Impossible? Now try again using some salt! Lay the string across the ice cube and glass. Cover the ice cube and string with a layer of salt. Leave for one minute. Carefully pick up the ends of the string. The string should stick to the ice cube so you can lift it out of the glass. (There are lots of videos online demonstrating this trick.) God promised to stick with Moses when he went to speak to Pharaoh. To Moses it seemed like an impossible task, but God makes everything possible.

Science explanation

Salt lowers the freezing point of water to below 0 degrees Celsius. When you add salt to the ice cube, the salt lowers the melting point of the ice. The salt is in a thin layer, so it melts a thin layer on top of the ice cube. The water cools down further and re-freezes around the string.