



EXODUS 3 FOR KIDS

Hey, kids! As we begin our family devotion, I have a question for you! Have you ever heard the story of Moses and the burning bush? (If they answer yes, have them recount the story for you).

In Exodus 3, Moses encounters the LORD speaking to him from a burning bush. How cool would that be?! As God begins to speak to Moses, He tells Moses that He is going to use him to free God's people from slavery in Egypt.

But instead of being excited, Moses is scared to death! Moses was afraid because he knew that he was not smart enough, strong enough, or good enough to be used to fulfill God's mission. So Moses asked God, "Who am I?" But instead of God answering the question by telling Moses about Moses, God answers by telling Moses about Himself.



The first thing God tells Moses is that He will always be with him! Isn't that cool? God knows Moses cannot rescue His people, but if God is with him, Moses can do anything. Did you know Jesus also promises to be with us at all times (Matthew 28:20)? This means just like Moses, we can do big things for God because Jesus is with us, too.

Then after telling Moses He would always be with him, God tells Moses His name. Do you know what God's name is? God says His name is, "I AM WHO I AM". Isn't that a strange name? Do you know anyone named "I AM WHO I AM"?

Since this name is a bit strange to us, let's think about what this name could mean. The ESV Study Bible gives at least four different meanings.

#1 - GOD IS SELF-EXISTENT. This means no one created God; He simply exists. We were created by God, so we depend on God for our lives, but God does not depend on anyone! We owe thanks to God for creating us, but God doesn't owe anyone thanks because no one created Him!

#2 - GOD IS THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF ALL THINGS. Because God is the great I AM, He not only created the world, but he also holds the world together. Did you know you are alive today because God is keeping you alive?!

#3 - GOD DOES NOT CHANGE. Hebrews 13:8 tells us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This means when God tells us He loves us in Jesus, He will never change His mind and will never not love those who are in Jesus.

#4 - GOD IS ETERNAL. God's name to Moses as the great I AM tells us that God is eternal, meaning He has always been and always will be. God is forever!

So in this chapter, we find Moses worried about who he was not, but what he needed to focus on was who God was! And we need to do the same. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus, the great I AM who is always with us!

