



## 2 May -Nature of God – God is HOLY

**Point of the day:** God is holy!

**Memory Verse:** "'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'" Exodus 3:5

### STORY (Exodus 3:1-6)

**Moses lived in a place called Midian. He worked as a shepherd, caring for his father-in-law's sheep. One day as Moses was watching the sheep, he noticed something very strange—a bush that was on fire but not burning up! Moses was curious about the bush, so he went over to look. As Moses got closer to the bush, he heard his name being called, "Moses, Moses." "Here I am," he answered. The voice said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because the place you are standing on is holy." The voice said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses listened but was afraid to look at God.**

What is special about the bush?

What does God tell Moses to do first of all? (Take off his shoes)

Why? (It is holy ground)

What does holy mean? (It means perfect, sinless, set apart)

How did Moses feel about being this close to a holy God?

Say that God is very special. He is so special and perfect that we use the word holy to describe him. In some ways it's hard to describe holy but you can describe how you feel when you're near something holy - just like Moses was. Excited, overwhelmed, a bit out of breath...

### ACTIVITY 1 (light and darkness)

(You'll need a torch and some dark material/box)

Ask your child what happens to darkness when you turn a light on (shine the torch inside the dark box) It disappears! Where does it go? It gets destroyed by the light - it is just gone. Say that when we do bad things - even if we think they're only tiny - we get darkness in us. And so if we were to get close to God and his light, the darkness would be destroyed and we would be destroyed too. Is that a nice thought?

God didn't think it was a nice thought either so he sent Jesus to come and take away all our darkness (our sin) by dying on the cross. Because he took the darkness, we can stand beside God and be friends with him. Jesus makes us holy. We still get tempted to do bad things though, don't we? So we have to keep on asking God to help us to do what he asks us and we need to say sorry when we do make mistakes.

### ACTIVITY 2 (clean water)

Pour a glass of water. Show it to your child. Show how you can see through it. It looks nice and clean and refreshing, doesn't it? Would they want to drink it if it had bits in? Would they want to drink it if it was muddy or salty?

Say that God wants us to be like the clean water. He designed us to be clean and life doesn't feel good when we are all grubby from doing things we shouldn't. When we are clean, we are nice for other people to be around as well.

## RESPONSE

Spend a few minutes being quiet and reflecting on the holiness of God.

You could listen to the song Build My Life by Housefires, or read these lyrics out loud in praise to God:

**Holy, there is no one like you**

**There is none besides you**

**Open up my eyes in wonder**

**And show me who you are and fill me**

**With your heart and lead me**

**In your love to those around me**

## CRAFT

Get a small branch from the garden. Remove its leaves and use tape/glue to stick the red, yellow and orange 'flames' onto the twigs to make a burning bush.

Or copy the bush template and write HOLY over and over again in different sizes and fiery colours across the branches.

