

Family Worship Guide

Week 18

Read

Exodus 3-4:17

- **Questions**

1. What was Moses, who was eighty years old at the time, doing in the beginning of chapter 3? He was tending sheep.

2. What was the first thing that God told Moses to do?

God told Moses to take off his sandals because the place he was standing was holy ground. God is perfect and sinless. Moses was sinful. Moses immediately covered his face because he was afraid of the power and holiness of God.

3. God had a mission for Moses. What was it?

God wanted Moses to lead the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt. Moses was to go directly to Pharaoh himself and lead the people to freedom.

4. In Exodus 3:14, God tells us one of His very important names. He tells Moses that His name is "I AM WHO I AM." The shortened version of this is simply, "I AM." Why do you think God chose this name for Himself?

God wants us to know that He is there! He is real! God exists in all places in all times. Before the universe existed, God was there. No matter what happens to us, we can always know and believe that God is there. In Hebrew "I AM" is the name YHWH - which we pronounce Yahweh or Jehovah.

5. Moses had four questions for God. It is clear that Moses did not want to do this. Let's look through the chapter and see if we can find Moses' four questions and also God's four answers. Look carefully, Moses' fourth objection to God is not worded as a question.

Give the family time to find the answers on their own. Consider writing them down on a sheet of paper to save for later. You might even put the list on the refrigerator as a reminder of the lesson.

First question: Who am I? (Ex. 3:11) - *God's answer: I will be with you. (Ex 3:12).*

Second question: Who are you? (Ex. 3:13) - *God's answer: "I AM WHO I AM" (Ex 3:14).*

Third question: What if they won't listen? (Ex. 4:1) - *God's answer: He promises to work miracles for the people to see. (Exodus 4:2-9)*

Fourth question: What if I can't speak? (Ex. 4:10) - *God's answer: I will help you speak, (Exodus 4:12).*

6. Moses was afraid. He was afraid of failing. He doubted himself and he even doubted God. Can you think of a time that you were afraid of failing? What did you do?

It may be helpful for a parent to share first. Talk as a family about the importance of trusting God rather than ourselves. Talk about any current situations your family is facing where you may be struggling with fear and doubt. Pray for God to give you faith to be obedient and trust in Him.

Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “He keeps His promises.”
- CONFESSION – “Confess times when we have not obeyed”
- THANKSGIVING – “How has God been faithful to your family?”
- SUPPLICATION – “God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him.”
- Pray that we will live obediently to God's Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for our EFM mission field in Aguascalientes, Mexico. Please pray for our missionary team there! Pray for the Gospel to be received and lives to be changed!

Memorize

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’”

Exodus 3:14

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

Words in **bold** are what you can say to lead this activity.

Supplies needed: One 3x5 card for each person, a computer with internet access OR a book that gives the meaning of names.

Can you imagine what it be like if no one had a name? If there were no names, what would you call each other? Hey you! Blue eyes! Tall kid! Listen to the answers.

Names are very important. Names have meanings. Does anyone know what their name means? Listen to the answers.

Do you know why we gave you the names we did? Some kids may know why you picked their particular name. Others may not, or may not remember. Explain to each of your children why you gave them their names.

Each of our names have meanings. Let's use our computer (or a book of names and their meanings) to find out what each of our names mean.

Consider using www.babynames.com. After you find the meaning of your names, write your names and their meanings on the 3x5 cards. Consider keeping those cards in a special place so you don't forget what your names mean.

Our names are important, but in today's Bible reading we are going to learn about the most important name there is. In Exodus 3, God tells us His special name. It is very important and very powerful.

For Teens

1. The world talks a lot about how important it is to have good self-esteem. The world says that you need to feel good about yourself. Moses didn't feel good about himself. His first question to God was, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" What was God's answer and what does it tell us about the importance of self-esteem?

God said to Moses, "I will be with you." God didn't say, "You can do it Moses! You are a good man. You are brave. You are special. I believe in you!" God made it clear to Moses that this mission was not about Moses, it was about God. Could it be that we don't need more self-esteem, but more God-esteem? The only way to feel good about who we are is to know who God is and trust Him in everything.

2. Moses was a man who struggled with fear. God made Moses face his fears by telling him to pick up a snake by the tail. He told him to put his hand in his coat and it came out with leprosy. Then He told him to put it in again. What would happen then? Would his whole body be covered? Imagine the fear Moses must have had! Are there things that God is calling you to do which make you feel afraid?

Parents can start this conversation by talking about fears they had when they were teenagers. Talking about fears is an important way for the hearts of parents and teens to connect with each other. If you teen shares some fears with you be sure to pray together and bring those fears to the Lord.