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Lesson #36--THE BURNING BUSH

Scripture: Exodus 2:23-4:20

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Who heard Israel when they groaned under their bondage? _____
2. What was Moses doing at that time? _____
3. How did God appear to him? _____
4. God told Moses, "Come, I will send you to _____ that you may _____."
5. Did Moses want to go? _____
6. List the four excuses that Moses gave for not going:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
7. What miracles did God give him? _____
8. Whom did God send to speak for Moses? _____
9. Finally Moses just blurted out, "O, my Lord, send _____."
10. How did God like Moses' excuses? _____
11. How do we sometimes make excuses to God? _____

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Can you find at least five other Bible characters who made excuses instead of obeying God? List their names and the scripture references on the back of this page.

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Psalm 40:8, "I delight to do thy will, O my God."
Older ones - Luke 14:18-20

TIPS TO TEACHING PARENTS: "Do you remember the excuses you made yesterday, Johnny, when your mother asked you to carry out the trash? Well here is a great Bible character who also made excuses to get out of a job...."

Leading into a Bible story with some common experience of our children is a good teaching technique. This accomplishes the double purpose of getting the child's full attention and making the story more real to him. "Here is Moses doing just what I did yesterday," the child will reason, "so it must have something to do with me." This prepares the child psychologically (without his ever knowing it) to receive the truths in the story as meaningful to his own life. And this is half the battle in teaching.

If we are going to teach well, we are going to spend sufficient study time to decide what details in the stories are most in contact with the lives of our children. Then we will do more than tell stories. Then we will teach children.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Jer 7:23; Mt 7:21; Mt 12:50; Acts 26:19; Heb 5:8; I Peter 1:22; Rev 22:14, KJV; Ezra 7:23; John 14:31; John 1:23; Luke 14:18-20.