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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Bushfires can cause very great problems. They often spread quickly, and are difficult to put out. Some of the trees release oils as they burn, and this makes the fire burn more fiercely. So whenever we see any bush on fire, it's very important to stop it spreading and to put it out. A man named Moses once saw flames coming from the middle of a bush on fire, but the bush was not burning up!

Before we hear more about this strange happening, I need to tell you a little about Moses.

The Egyptian king - the Pharaoh - had forced the Israelite people into hard slavery, and had given orders for all newborn Israelite baby boys to be killed. But the king's daughter had saved little baby Moses, and had brought him up as her own son. So Moses lived as a prince in the Egyptian court. But Moses loved his own people, and wanted to help them.

As the adopted son of the princess, Moses seemed to be the best person to stand up and put an end to their sufferings. But one day, he saw a cruel Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. He was so angry, he killed the Egyptian. Of course Moses then knew he would have to flee far away. He did not want the Pharaoh to capture him and put him to death. Moses fled to the semi-desert region of Midian, where he found work as a shepherd.

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When Moses was an Egyptian prince, he had wanted to help his own Israelite people. But now he had been living quietly in Midian for some forty years. God needed to get his attention.

The living Creator God sometimes speaks to people in dreams or visions. But that does not happen often. More often, He uses ordinary things to get our attention. It wasn't normal for flames to come from a bush without destroying it. So when God called to Moses from the middle of the bush, Moses understood that God was speaking to him.

Today God usually speaks to people through His written word, the Bible. But at the time Moses lived, no books of the Bible had been written. In fact, later on, God used Moses himself to write the first five books of the Bible we have today.

Moses was quick to understand God was speaking to him. I wonder if you are as quick to take notice, when the living Creator God speaks to <u>you</u>? God may speak to you through His holy Word, the Bible; He might speak to you through a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, or even through a radio program like this one.

The Bible book Hebrews, chapter 1, says this, "In the past, God spoke to our ancestors many times, and in many ways, through the prophets, but in these last days, He has spoken to us through His Son." God's One and Only Son, the Lord Jesus, showed us what God is like. The book Hebrews also says this, "He (Jesus) reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being." Jesus showed us God's great love for us when He willingly gave up his life at Calvary. He did this so that God could forgive the sins of all who trust and follow Jesus.

In today's story, God told Moses He had seen the suffering of the Israelites, and heard their cries for help. So God was going to rescue his people from the Egyptians. He was sending Moses to lead the people out of the country where they were slaves, to their own land where they could be free.

God cares deeply for all people on the earth. Psalm 145 in the Bible says, "The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made."

God hates the cruelty and injustices that are everywhere in our world today. But God sees that the <u>root</u> of all these problems is the sinfulness deep inside each of us, which makes us rebel against Him. That's why God sent his son Jesus to rescue us. He wants us to be clean from our sin, to be His children, and to love and serve Him. The Bible book Romans, chapter 5, says this, "God has shown how much He loves us – it was while we were <u>still sinners</u> that Christ died for us!" Those who follow Jesus are put right with God through his death.

Through Jesus' death, God provided a way for us to escape both the punishment we deserve for our sin, and its power to control us.

You might have thought Moses would be delighted that God had chosen him to lead his people out of Egypt. But over and over again Moses made excuses to show he was not the right one. As soon as God answered one of Moses' excuses, he thought of another. He seemed to forget God's promise that <u>He</u> would be with Moses. God's patience with Moses showed how well He understands our weakness, and how He is ready to help. He does not leave us to struggle on our own.

What about you and me? If you are a follower of Jesus, what do you do when the living God asks you to do something? Do you keep on making excuses, as Moses did? Do you forget God's promise to be with you? It is very good to be humble, and to know our own weaknesses, but it is not good to be stubborn and to push aside God's call and His promises to us!

What is God saying to you today? Is He calling you to trust in the Lord Jesus, and follow
him? Is God asking you to serve Him in some particular way? If you obey Him, the Lord
God will be with you, just as He was with Moses.
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