

Lesson 7: Moses and the Glory of the Lord

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Exodus 33:12-23 to see that Moses saw the Glory of God and that God was pleased with Moses.
- 2) Do a spring time craft to remind us that we see God's glory in creation and in Jesus Christ.
- 3) Recognize the importance of pleasing God and being blessed by Him when we do.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Scissors to share
- Glue sticks or tape to share
- Spring Centerpiece Templates:
 - Base – one per child printed on white cardstock or construction paper
 - Flowers –Set 1 and 2 – one set per child printed on white paper
 - Leaves – one set per child printed on white cardstock or construction paper

Optional:

- Sing Hymn "To God be the Glory" in Hymn Song Book
- Storybook or visuals of this story to show kids (if available)

Snack:

- Grapes or Strawberries or any fruit approximately 4 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Once children are seated say:

Does anyone remember what we studied last week? We studied that God wanted the Israelites to prepare to leave the mountain and that God was still angry with them and wanted them to remove their ornaments. We also studied that God and Moses were friends that met in the Tent of Meeting and when God came, a pillar of cloud would come down as well and cover the tent.

This week we will continue to study the Israelites, God and Moses.

2) Moses and the Glory of the Lord

15 minutes

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to Exodus 33. Ask for a volunteer to read from **Exodus 33:12-23** or read yourself. After you have finished the reading, say:

What did Moses ask God for in verses 12-13? Moses wanted God to teach him God's ways so Moses would know God and continue to find favor with Him.

Wouldn't you think Moses already knew God? Yes, especially since He had been spending so much time with God including 40 days on the mountain.

What do you think Moses meant when he said he wanted to know God and continue to find favor in these verses? To get even closer to God and to please Him, to have a better relationship with God, especially after the Israelites disappointed Him.

Moses wanted to have a pure, deep relationship with God. We should all strive to have a better and more meaningful relationship with God. God is Lord and Savior of the world – it is deeply important to learn as much as you can about Him and to build a deep relationship with Him. He wants to help you and be there for you. He knows you – it is up to you to build on that relationship to understand and truly know Him!

Be a Moses – ask God for help in getting to know God better and to learn how to continue to find favor with Him! Ask God to teach you His ways!

What was God’s response in verse 17? I will do the very thing you ask.

Why? Because God was pleased with Moses and because Moses was doing God’s will.

What was Moses second request in verse 18? Show me Your glory.

What was God’s response? I will do that too, but you must not see my face, you will hear my voice, and see my back and I will protect you with my hand as I pass by – but you must not see my face and live.

Should we respect God and show Him praise and honor? Yes.

Why according to this story? Because He is willing to work with us, listen to us, help us, guide us, show His glory and care for us – but because He IS GOD – we can’t see His face or die – that is how powerful and amazing God is – we have to be fearful and respectful of that.

Let’s look at other ways we can see God’s glory today. Turn to Psalm 104

Read entire Psalm 104 to the students while they listen.

Leviathan – a dragon of the sea that did exist during that time – See Job 41 for a description that God gives to Job about the Leviathan – it includes breathing fire, smoke coming from its mouth, lighting coals to flames and having sharp edged armor for a coat. God does not lie –if He describes a leviathan as a dragon – it is/was a dragon – pretty cool huh? Read Job 41 to kids to show that yes, this was a dragon.

What should we do when we think of God’s creation? Praise Him, give Him the glory that is due Him. Rejoice that the glory of the Lord endures forever. And when God sees what He has made – may He rejoice and be glad as well.

Turn now to **Isaiah 6:3** and read that.

What is full of God’s glory? – The whole earth! All of creation is full of God’s glory. We should respect and praise God and recognize that He is glorious when we see every day what He has so amazingly made!

Turn to **2 Peter 3:18** and read – See what Peter says about God’s glory

Who has the glory of God now? Jesus.

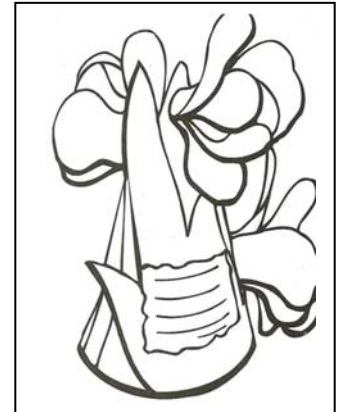
So according to these three different verses. How do we see the glory of the Lord today? In Jesus and in creation. So we can see God’s glory today!

Next week we will finish the story of Moses and God's glory, but today our focus is on realizing that we can see God's glory in Jesus and in His creation.

3) Spring Centerpiece Craft

15-20 minutes

Before class print the templates need for each child to make a centerpiece. Hand out the templates – one set of base, flowers set 1 and 2, and grass, with scissors and crayons for each child. Have them color and cut out the patterns as shown in the pictures.



Hand out glue sticks or tape and apply glue or tape to the tab on base. Roll to form a cone shape and glue it together.

Next, glue the grass to the cone (See illustration on the right.) Make sure the top of the grass does not cover the little circles where you apply glue for the flowers.

Make the daffodil flowers as follows: All “B” flowers are the bases, all “C” flowers get folded and taped like a little bulb that is placed inside on of the “B” base flowers.

Fold all pattern “C”s on the dashed lines. Apply glue or tape to the tabs and glue as indicated to make little bulbs. Glue pattern C on to the center of pattern B.

Next, fold all pattern “B”s on the dashed lines. Apply glue to the tabs to form a cup shape. Roll the petals of each flower down. Glue the flowers to the areas marked on the cone. (Pattern “D”).

Read the verse again that is shown on the base of the centerpiece from the Bible before moving on to the next activity. Also you may want to ask what each child is going to do with their centerpiece, reminding them that this is a way we can remember God's glory – in seeing His creation.

Ask them **what do you remember about today's Bible reading of Moses and God?**

Ask the students if they have any questions before moving on to the next activity.

4) Optional – Snack: Grape or Strawberries

5 minutes

Hand out pieces of fruit to each child along with a glass of water or juice to each child. State that just like we studied that the glory of God passed by Moses we too can see God's glory in creation, the heavens, and in Jesus, we also see God's blessing in our lives when we eat the food He created. Today we will eat these fruit to remind us of God's blessings and how wonderful He is in providing us every good thing we need! Remember we should eat the food God made – that is the good food we should eat – not the chemical or fake food that is sometimes sold as food – only God's food is good. If you can't pronounce the ingredients or recognize the ingredients – it is not from God – it is manmade.

Read **Psalm 104:31** again if time.

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss any questions while snacking.

5) Optional – Songs

5 minutes

Have children sing songs with you; an option is to get the Hymn Book and sing the song **“To God Be the Glory”** or other songs that show God having the glory. You can also all **recite Psalm 104** together and name all the ways God's glory and righteousness is shown in this psalm.

6) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank God that we can still see His glory in our lives – through Creation, our relationship with other Christians, and our relationship with Jesus. We pray that we will be like Moses – and we are asking and will continue to ask You God for help in getting to know You and Your Son better and to learn how we can continue to find favor with You! We also pray that we will remember to tell others about how wonderful God and Jesus are and invite them to church. In Jesus precious and holy name, Amen.