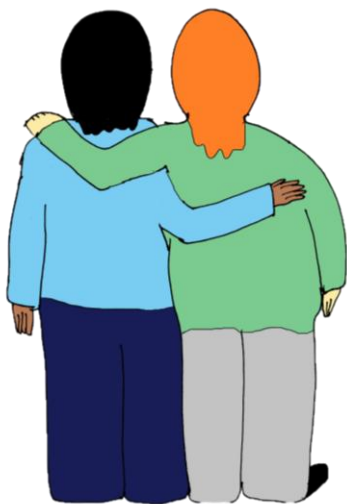


Upper Elementary Burning Bush

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Checklist

- ☐toothpaste
- ☐Aluminum foil
- ☐Task cards



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| Topic: | Burning Bush |
| Intro: | Show students a tube of toothpaste. What are some things people do when they get mad? (hit, kick, call a name, yell, throw a tantrum, act rude) For each item, squeeze out some toothpaste. Can I put the toothpaste back in the tube? It's the same with the things we do and say. When you call someone a name, you can't unsay it. When you hit someone, you can't unhit them. When you scream at your mom, you can't unscream. God wants us to have self-control so that we can keep from doing these things. Moses didn't have very good self-control at the start of our story. |
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| | What did Moses just do? (murder) Does that sound like someone who has self-control? |



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| map | Review where Midian is in relation to Egypt and Sinai |
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| | When God called his name, he replied "Here I am." This is exactly how we are supposed to respond when God calls us to do something. What are some things God might call us to do? (help others, give up something we value, be humble in order to save a friendship, even when you were the one who was right, etc) |
| bush with lights, cards | Place cards in front of bush with lights. Have children line up. Call the name of the student in the front of the line. When you call each child's name, have them say, "Here I am!" and take their shoes off. Give them one of the instructions. They must pick up the card that matches your command. |
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Think about what God said, "I will be with both of you as you speak." When God is in control of our lives, other people should be able to "see" and "hear" God through us, because we are being like Him. When we give God control of our lives, He will show us the right things to do and tell us the right things to say.

Give each student a piece of aluminum foil big enough to cover their face. Ask them to press the foil onto their face for two seconds to create a mold. Compare everyone's mold. Are they all different? Ask students to name the fruits of the Spirit. With each one, press their molds to your face. Now all the molds have the teacher's face.

When you are a student of God, someone who follows Him and spends every day trying to learn more from Him, you slowly become more like Him. When we give control of our lives-the words we say and the actions we choose-we are letting God mold us to be more like Him. Real self-control is giving control of yourself over to God.



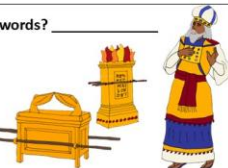
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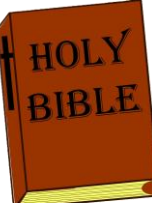
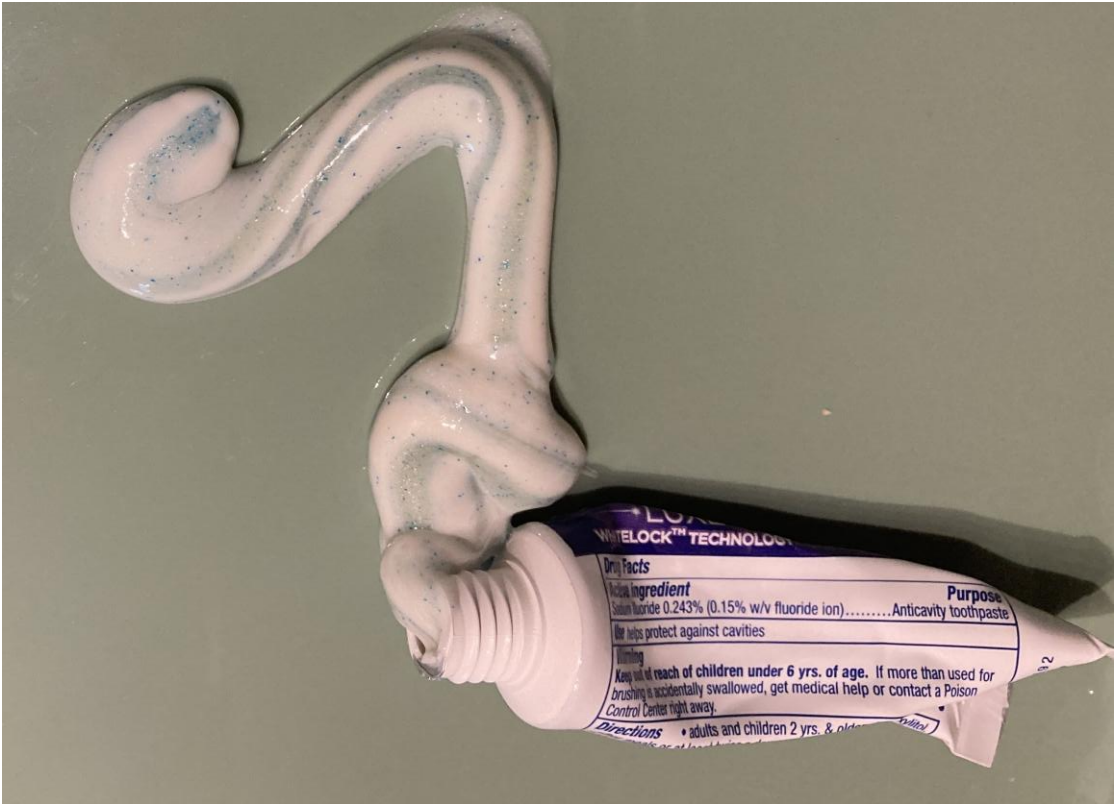
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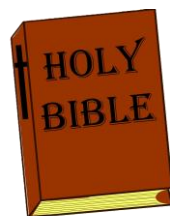
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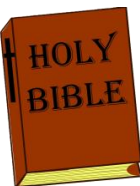
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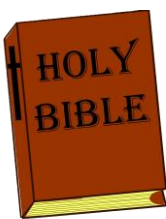


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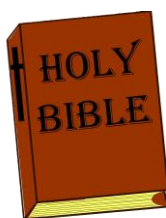
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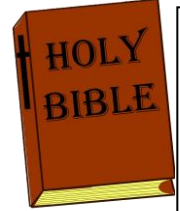
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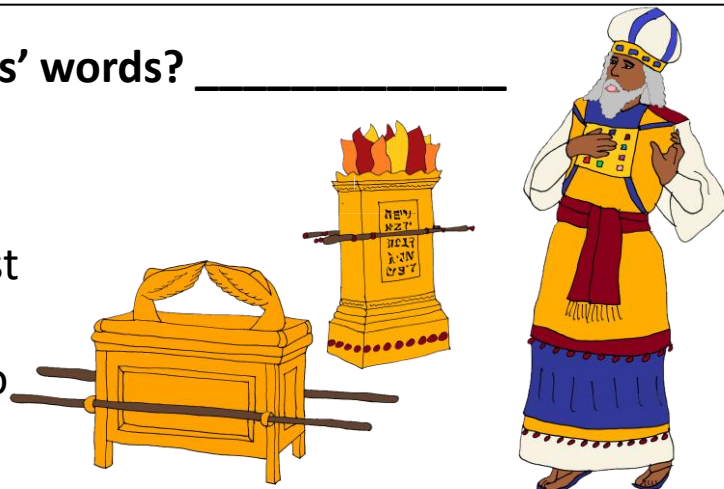
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