

# God is: **ALIVE!**

The second we will be learning **ALIVE!!** Have you that—whether God have, maybe you you are asking me and why this



attribute of God that about is that **GOD IS** ever thought about is alive? Maybe you haven't. And maybe how we know this matters! Well, our

God is very much alive, and we can know this by having a relationship with Him. There is a Bible verse which helps remind us of this:

**Memory verse: Exodus 3:14**

**God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"**

**Scripture lesson:** *Let's look at the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3 of your **NIV Bible**, pages 77-80 in your **Egermeier Bible**, or pages 84-91 of the **Jesus Storybook Bible**.*

**Thinking about it:**

Our memory verse comes from a story in the book of Exodus in the Old Testament. After Moses spent his childhood as a member of the royal family in Egypt, he left to live with his own people, the Israelites. While working as a shepherd for his wife's father, Jethro, he saw a strange sight near Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There, surrounded by a field of green pastures flames shot out of a bush! The bush was on fire, and yet, it wasn't burning or being destroyed! Moses could believe his eyes! Then, if that wasn't crazy enough, a VOICE came out of the bush, calling to him and telling him to take his shoes off, because he was standing on holy ground. Then the voice said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses became scared, because he realized that he was speaking to GOD! God then told Moses that He heard the cries of His people, the Israelites, and He wanted Moses to lead them out of Egypt. Moses couldn't BELIEVE that God would want HIM to help. God then told Moses that HE would be with him and help him do this task. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Israelites, God said **"I AM WHO I AM! This is what you are to say to the Israelites. I AM has sent me to you!"**

So what are some of the ways we can see from this story that **God is ALIVE?** Let's see!

- God SPOKE to Moses directly!
- God told Moses that HE was the God of all of Moses’s ancestors!
- God said that HE listened to and heard the cries of the Israelites!
- God said “I AM WHO I AM”! meaning **HE IS—HE EXISTS RIGHT NOW!**
- **Most importantly, God wanted to have a relationship with Moses, just like HE wants to have one with YOU!**

**Video: God’s Story—Moses**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEHT6dCKbl>

### **Activity:**

Fire is mysterious! Most of us love to watch a fire burning in a fireplace or around a campfire. Moses may have been frightened by the image before him, but he also must have been in awe! This fire, burning and radiating heat, was not consuming the bush, nor was it using anything for fuel. Fire requires three things in order to burn: a fuel source, oxygen, and a spark to ignite it (heat). This fire, however, didn’t have all those elements! It had oxygen, it had heat, but it didn’t have fuel to burn! If we leave a fire alone and don’t add fuel, the fire will go out. It will die. God doesn’t require fuel, or anything, in order to be alive! God simply IS! The fire itself showed Moses and us that **God is ALIVE** and is the source of all that is **ALIVE!**

Like fire, we need certain things in order to be alive: food, water, oxygen. When we have those things, our physical needs are filled. But in order to truly **BE ALIVE**, we need to be connected to God, who is the source of all life!

- Write in your journal how God shows He is alive in your life. Maybe it is through the love of family and friends, maybe it is by providing you with what you need in order to live, maybe it is by answering a specific prayer.
- If you and your parents are able, build a fire and talk through the elements needed in order for it to spark and burn. Think about ways that God is represented in fuel, oxygen, and heat to be ALIVE!
- Draw a bush on the side of a mountain that has bright green leaves and strong beautiful branches. Now take tissue paper, or paint—in the fire colors of red and orange and yellow, and place the “flames” upon the bush. Show that the fire burns even while the branches and leaves remain healthy.

**Prayer: Dear God—You are so amazing! Thank you so much for showing us that YOU ARE ALIVE! Help us to see all the ways that You reach into our lives every day! Let us trust in Your love and turn to You so that we can have a relationship with You just like Moses did. In Jesus name, AMEN.**