

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
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In our identity, God's call changes everything.

THEME BIBLE READING

Take time to read and reflect on this Bible passage and choose how you will tell the story in your own way.

Scripture **Exodus 3:1-16** **Moses and the Burning Bush**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR REFLECTION

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. **Exodus 3:3-6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Today:

Lord God, help me to have faith and know that you are with me always. Amen.

A Mealtime Prayer for Today:

Lord, you lead your people to a land flowing with milk and honey. We praise you and thank you for the food you have provided as we eat together this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's call to you be heard and be acted on in your every day life.



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INTERACTIVE LEARNING

[YouTube Hymns for Today](#) 

[Take Your Shoes Off Moses](#)

by Courtney Patton

[The Burning Bush](#)

by [Faith Inkubators](#) Music Guild

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss today and later in your home or small group:

- God chose a burning bush to speak to Moses. Have you ever felt God speak to you? Where were you?
- Have you ever felt God's call to do something? If so, how did you respond?

DEVOTIONS



Reflect on today's reading.

Choose one of four ways to retell the reading in your own words. You may choose to tell it as it is and portray the role of Moses or choose to retell the story in a modern day setting using one of the following venues:

1. **Puppets:** Use puppets to retell the story or relate the story to your life today.
2. **Signing Scripture:** Go to this link to find key words to sign. <http://www.aslpro.com/>
3. **Creative Movement:** Use the YouTube link above and engage in creative dance movements as the song is sung.
4. **Spontaneous Melodrama:** Have one person read Exodus 3:1-16 with expression while others are re-enacting what they hear through motions.

SERVICE



God has given each person spiritual gifts so that one may "strive to excel in them for building up the church" (1 Corinthians 14:12). Acts of service are integral to living a Christian life. How have you felt your gifts intersect with your call to help others this week? How will you answer this call in the future?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In the Christian tradition, prayer is a daily ritual. Blessing is also a ritual. Reflect on your own prayer life and answer these questions together:

- How often do you pray?
- How do you pray? With folded hands, kneeling, while walking, or another way?
- Where and when have you received or given a blessing?

Use the prayers and blessing found in this *Taking Faith Home* sheet as a reflection of the reading and time spent together in Houston. Do this again with family and friends at home.



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