

Through the Bible for Children: Exodus Lesson 4

MY NAME IS, I AM THAT I AM
Exodus 2:15-3: 22

Because Moses had killed the Egyptian, he had to run for his life. He finally stopped running when he reached the land of Midian, there he sat down by a well to contemplate his situation. The priest of Midian had seven daughters who took care of their father's sheep. As he was sitting by the well these seven young women came to draw water. They filled the troughs with water so that all the sheep could drink. But just as they finished drawing some shepherds came and chased the women away. When Moses saw what was happening, he stood up and helped the women so that they were able to water their father's flock.

That evening when the girls arrived home earlier than usual, their father Reuel asked them how it was that they were home so early. They answered, "An Egyptian helped us to stand against the shepherds. He also helped draw water for us and our flock."

Then Reuel said to his daughters, "Where is the man that helped you? Why did you leave him there? Go and call him so that he can eat with us."

So Moses was brought into the house of Reuel and he was content to stay there. The man gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses to be his wife. And she bore him a son whom he called Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a strange land."

As time passed, the king of Egypt died. The children of Israel sighed because of their slavery, and they cried unto the Lord for deliverance. Then the Lord heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked at his people, the children of Israel, and he had respect for them.

At this time, Moses took care of the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, also called Reuel. One day as he was leading the flock to the back side of the desert, he came to the mountain of God, called Mount Horeb. It was then that the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush. As Moses walked along, he looked and there he saw a bush burning, but the bush did not burn up.

Moses said to himself, "I will go over there and see why that bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that Moses was coming, he called to Moses out of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses."

Moses answered, "Here I am."

God said, "Do not come close. Take the shoes off of your feet, because the place where you are standing is holy ground." The Lord continued, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have seen the torment of my people which are in Egypt, and I have heard their cry because of their slavery. I know about their sorrows and I have come to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians. I will bring them to a good and large land, a land flowing with milk and honey. It is the place of the Caananites, the Hittites, the Ammorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, Ammorites, and the Jebusites. I am going to send you to Pharaoh, so that you can bring the people of Israel out of Egypt."

Then Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and tell him to let the children of Israel leave the land of Egypt?"

God said, "I will be certainly be with you, and this is the proof that I have sent you. When you have brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, you will serve me here at this mountain."

Moses said to the Lord, "When I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me, and they say, 'What is his name? What shall I tell them?'"

The Lord answered Moses, " I AM THAT I AM." and he said, "You shall tell the children of Israel that I AM has sent you to them. Also," the Lord said, "You shall say, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. Go and tell them that I have seen their suffering, and I will bring them out of their slavery to a land flowing with milk and honey. They will listen to you. Then you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt and tell him to let the people go three days journey into the wilderness to worship their God. The king of Egypt will not let you go and I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders, and after that he will let you go. I will give the people favor in the site of the Egyptians and they will send you away with many riches."

God told Moses that his name is I AM THAT I AM. That name means; I am the one who is. I have always been and I always will be. God told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. By saying this He tells us all that these godly men live today in spite of the fact that their bodies died many years ago. In these verses we can learn many things about our God:

God is eternal. He has always existed, and He will exist forever.

God has the power over death. Those who belong to Him will live with Him forever.

God cares for His children, their sorrow and pain, also brings Him sorrow.

God is all powerful. He can take care of and deliver His people, no matter what the situation.

God always keeps His promises. He did not forget the promise that He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but was waiting for the perfect time, to bring that promise to pass.

Looking at these characteristics of God, should give us confidence to trust Him with our lives, and cause us to love Him more and more. He has the power, the will, and the desire to care for those that love him, and to do them good.

LEARN: I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

El Shaddai

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ALMIGHTY

I AM

Jehovah

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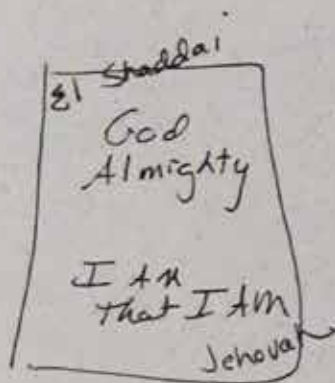
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1. Use yarn to follow the letters and make the poster.

2. Write the Hebrew word next to the English translation



3. Paste sheet unto colored construction paper if you wish.

