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## Weekday

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God promises to always be with me.

### MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH EXODUS 3

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## MEMORY VERSE

“Trust the Lord with all your heart.”

### PROVERBS 3:5 NCV

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## KEY QUESTION

Who keeps His promises?

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## BOTTOM LINE

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## BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

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**FIRST LOOK WEEKDAY** exists to enhance your weekday preschool learning community/environment. The Weekday curriculum includes a Large-Group chapel experience as well as developmentally appropriate Learning Centers. Each Learning Center is designed to channel a preschooler’s innate desires to move, create, and explore.

First Look Weekday can be used with your existing weekday curriculum and/or to extend your First Look curriculum subscription.

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**CHAPEL** is a time for all children 2 years-5 years to participate together in a setting outside of the classroom. Begin each Chapel with worship, encouraging children to worship with their whole bodies. Next, engage the children in a lively telling of the Bible story using props, large movement, and facial expressions to make the Bible come alive. Close each Chapel time with prayer before transitioning back to the classroom.

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## REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** *Everybody Sing* and *Hip Hip Hooray!* DVD or CD; DVD/CD player; Bible, artificial tree/bush or a laundry basket painted green; red, yellow, orange tissue paper strips

**LEADER:** "Hello friends! It's so great to see you! I can't wait to worship and learn more about the Bible with you! It's time to stand up and sing to our great big God!"

Sing "Take Care of Me" from the *Everybody Sing* album and "Promises" from the *Hip Hip Hooray!* album, leading children with DVD music and motions.

**LEADER:** "Wonderful job friends! I just love singing to our great big God. He does have such a wonderful plan for each of us! Now, let's practice our memory verse together."

**LEADER AND CHILDREN:** "Trust in the Lord (*Point up with hands*) with all your heart (*Hands over heart*). Proverbs 3:5 (*Hands open like a book*)." (*Repeat three times.*)

**LEADER:** "Wonderful job. We will keep practicing this verse all month long so you can remember it wherever you go! Everyone sit down now because we are going to hear another story from the Bible today. And, we all know that the stories in the Bible are true. They really happened! They teach us great things about our big God who loves us very much!"

"Today's story is about fire! Now, we know that fire can hurt you and we need to be very careful around fire. But in this story, God used fire to do something really amazing!"

"Long ago, there was a man named Moses. He did something bad and ran away to another land to hide. You know, I've done bad things before too. Have you? Sometimes when I break a rule or disobey, I want to hide my face. Have you ever felt that way? (*Pause.*) I'm sure Moses was really sorry that he did something bad."

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"In this new land, Moses found a job as a shepherd and made new friends. He even got married to his wife. One day as he was taking care of the sheep, and he saw a burning bush. A bush on fire! Yikes! How would you feel if you saw a bush on fire? (Pause.)

"I have a pretend bush here. (Show CHILDREN the bush without fire.) Now let's make it look like its on fire! (Put the tissue paper strips in bush or laundry basket to look like it is burning.) What color is fire? That's right! Fire is red, yellow, and orange! It's very hot! This tissue paper looks like flames!

"Now it looks like our bush is on fire just like the one in the Bible. Moses heard a voice say, (Say in a deep booming voice.) 'Moses, Moses do not come any closer. Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground.'

"Holy ground means that it is really special. It doesn't mean holey with holes in it. It means God was there!

"God had a really important message for Moses. He told Moses to go back to Egypt and save God's people from a mean king named Pharaoh. Moses was afraid, so he told God that he could not go back to Egypt and talk to Pharaoh. Have you ever been afraid? Who can tell me a time when you were afraid? (Call on two children to share.)

"God told Moses not to be afraid. God promised Moses that He would be with him and help him. Whew, Moses doesn't need to be afraid! God would be with him! Do you know what? God promises to help us too! We don't need to be afraid either! God will be with us too!! What wonderful news!

"Moses decided to obey God, and he went back to Egypt. God kept His promise and helped Moses, just like He said He would!

"We can always trust God because **[Bottom Line] God keeps His promises! Who keeps His promises?**

**LEADER AND CHILDREN: "God keeps His promises!"**

**LEADER:** "Yes, **God keeps His promises.** That's great news! Let's pray and talk to God now.

"Dear God, Thank You for being with us all the time. Thank You for always keeping Your promises. We are so glad we don't need to be afraid. In Jesus' name, amen.

"I can't wait to see you next time when we hear even more about how God helps Moses! Have a great day, and remember that we don't need to be afraid because God keeps His promises!"