

### **BIG IDEA**

God speaks to us in different ways.

### **GOD STORY**

Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 2:23-4:17)

### **KEY VERSE**

[God said,] "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So I am very happy to brag about how weak I am. Then Christ's power can rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9, NIRV)

# 1 | Conversation Starter

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's teaching, chat about:
  - We speak to different people in different ways. For instance, you probably don't speak to your grandma the same way that you speak to your best friend! How about your teacher versus a baby? What are some other examples?
  - Why do you think that we speak to different people in different ways?
- b. Introduce the Big Idea: **God speaks to us in different ways**.

## 2 | Watch

### **SUPPLIES**

Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

 Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## 3 | Discuss

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the video teaching together:
  - Did anything in today's Life Story stand out to you? If so, what was it?
  - How did God speak to Moses?
  - What are some ways that God can speak (or communicate) with people?
  - What kinds of things do you think God tells people today?
  - Do you feel like God has ever spoken to you?



# 4 | Activity

### **SUPPLIES**

- Paper bags
- Tree cutouts
- Masking tape or glue sticks
- Colouring supplies (e.g., markers, crayons, etc.)
- Big Idea labels
- Flameless candles or flashlights

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Give each child a paper bag and a tree cutout.
- b. Set out masking tape or glue sticks and colouring supplies to share.
- c. Direct the kids to tape or glue their cutouts to the outside of their bags (see sample photo).
- d. Encourage them to draw leaves on the bag to make it look like a bush.
- e. Give them a Big Idea label to stick somewhere on the outside of their bag.
- f. Place a flameless candle or flashlight inside each bag. It should look as if the bush is burning!



# 5 | Pray

#### TIP

 There's no "magic" in tracing around hands—it just helps kids who have a hard time sitting still!

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Gather your family to sit together in a circle.
- b. Encourage everyone to take a deep breath and close their eyes.
- c. Direct the kids to trace around one hand with a finger, then switch hands.
- d. As they sit quietly tracing their hands, remind them that God speaks to us in different ways. We can know it's really from God if the message is loving because God is love!
- e. Encourage them to pray with you: "God, we love you! Help us learn to listen to you."
- f. Let the kids know that you're going to spend some time being quiet. It's hard to listen to God when we do all the talking!
- g. Sit in silence for up to 30 seconds.
- h. Discuss: Do you feel as if God spoke to you in any way?
- i. To wrap up, pray for each member of your family.