

Sola Publishing Children’s Message 22 nd Sunday After Pentecost – Year C		SOLA
God Gets Moses’ Attention		
Readings	1) Exodus 3:1-15 2) 2 Thessalonians 1:1-8, 13-17 3) Luke 20:27-40	
Scripture Focus	Exodus 3:1-15	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations on Free Bible Images on Free Bible Images https://www.freebibleimages.org/search/?s=burning+bush	
Message Today’s story is about a fire. If you saw a fire in the middle of the church, would you want to check it out? [Hopefully they would.] This story is about Moses and what happened to him one day when God wanted to get his attention. You may remember hearing it before. After leaving Egypt, where Moses grew up, he went to a place called Midian, where he became a shepherd. One day, he was leading the sheep to a nice pasture in the wilderness when he saw a bush was on fire! Now, a fire in the wilderness is not a good thing. It could spread all over, and people could be hurt, and towns and people’s homes could burn down. Moses went running over to it, and the closer he got, the stranger it seemed. There was no smoke. He could see, hear, and feel the fire, but the bush was not burning up. As he got a little closer, a voice suddenly came from the fire. It said, “Moses, Moses.” It was God! Moses said, “Here I am.” Then God said, “Don’t come too close, and take your sandals off, you’re standing on holy ground.” Moses did, because when God speaks to you, you do whatever he says. Then God said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have seen and heard what’s going on with my people in Egypt...” And then he told Moses he had a job for him. Wow! What do people do when they want your attention? [Tug on your shirt, call or text on the phone, or call your name, “Hey, Moses!”] Has anybody ever done anything like using a burning, but not burning-up, bush? Has anyone ever talked to you through a fire? I’m pretty sure Moses is the only one that has ever happened to, but God had something important to tell him. God does things to get our attention, too. It could be that he uses a friend, brother or sister, parents, a Sunday School teacher, the pastor, his words in the Bible, or even me, to tell you something he wants you to pay attention to. When he gets your attention, what should you say? “I’m listening, God!” [Have them say it. Include the congregation in this.] And today, when the Sunday School teacher starts talking about Jesus, say it to him/her, too. What do we say? “I’m listening, God!” When the pastor starts the sermon, we should say it then, too. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, When you want us to listen / we will listen. Thank you for / getting our attention. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	

