

## *This Week's Worship: Moses and the Burning Bush*

### **Opening**

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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### **Saying Sorry**

*Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.*

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not helped others

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

**We are sorry**

For times this week when we have been selfish

**We are sorry**

*Put the stone in a bowl of water*

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

**Amen**

### **Saying thank you**

*To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)*

*Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.*

*Continue to fill the jar during the week.*

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...  
Amen

*Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.*

### **Story and response**

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week's story is from Exodus 3: 1-15.

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?  
I wonder what surprised you about this story?  
I wonder what this story makes you feel?  
I wonder where you are in this story?  
Do you wonder anything about this story?

### **Prayers**

God tells Moses to take off his shoes because he is standing on Holy ground. What does 'Holy' mean? Somehow God is part of a place. What might a Holy place look, feel, smell, and sound like?

You will need: coloured tissue paper, a spray bottle with water in it, paper or card.

Cut the tissue paper into shapes and arrange them on the paper. Overlap the shapes as well, if you want to! When you are ready, gently spray the water onto the tissue paper until it is soaked. Carefully remove the tissue and see that the colour has been left behind on the paper. Just like you can see where the tissue paper has been on the paper, you can feel that God's presence is left in a holy place. Where do you feel God is there? Do you have a special 'holy' place to go to?

**Pray: God, thank you that you can turn something ordinary into something amazing, just like you turned a bush into a holy place. Help us to notice you in ordinary things this week and help us to know your presence with us wherever we go. Amen.**

### **Close**

Wherever we come together,  
**God is with us.**  
**God is here.**

May God bless us.  
May we know that we are loved  
May we know that we are cared for.  
May we know God's hope.

**God is with us**  
**God is here**  
**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*