

Intergenerational Worship

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Intergenerational Prayer

Exodus 3:1-15 Year A Proper 17- Sept 3, 2017



What this is: Interactive Prayer



Where it's used: Any intergenerational gathering; Early Word;



What's needed: Image 'Unburned bush' by Chris Booth, Sandpaper, unpolished riverstones, sand tray. 3-4 Pillar Candles, matches, baking pans (optional), paper, markers.

Song: Burning by Nicole Nordeman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpYZnRokwiU>



Time: 5 minutes



Bible focus/theme: Exodus 3:1-15 Call of Moses

Use the image 'Unburned bush' by Chris Booth to point out the desolation of the wilderness and the blazing presence of God. This story encourages us to pray, even when all around us seems empty and bare. God's presence can be surprisingly close and dazzlingly strong.

Invite your gathering to form groups and work together to construct a large rocky, sandy wilderness landscape on a cotton sheet on the floor.

If you have already done this as part of the Interactive Bible reading for this passage, use the same landscape. Make sure that the rocks and sand completely cover the area with no gaps between them, as a fire precaution! If you are concerned about the fire proofing provide some baking tins with stones in the base.

Place 3 or 4 large pillar candles in various places on the landscape.

Invite your group using the words below to write their prayers on pieces of paper. When they are ready, each person lights their paper from one of the pillar candles and drops it burning onto the rocks (or into the rocks on the backing pan).

As this is done, say the words:

We bring our prayers with courage to your holy presence, because we know you hear the cries of your suffering people and all who are oppressed.

