

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: **THANKFULNESS**

DEFINITION:

A grateful heart that comes from trusting God

MEMORY VERSE:

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT**

FINISH LINE:

We can be thankful for who God is

READ: EXODUS 3:1-15

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. **What did Moses see that was so unusual?** (*A burning bush*)
2. **What did God say to him?** (*God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was in a holy place.*)
3. **See verse 10. What amazing thing does God want Moses to do?** (*God tells Moses the He is going to send him to Pharaoh to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.*)
4. **Look at verse 11. What was Moses worried about?** (*He doesn't think he is good enough to do what God is asking.*)
5. **Reread verse 12. What amazing promises did God make to Moses?** (*God promised He would always be with him. He also promised that Moses and the Israelites would come back to this very mountain and give thanks to God.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. Let's take a look at what we learn about God from this story and why we can be thankful for who He is. **Pull up today's activity guide to answer some questions about who God is from today's lesson.**

Read the bold truth about God and see if you can figure out where we can learn this in the story.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. **What did you learn about God that you didn't know before?**
2. **What are you most thankful for about God?**