

Children's Church Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

In this story God told Moses he was on holy ground, and told him to take off his shoes.

What does it mean for a place to be holy?

Maybe a holy place is a place where God is.

Maybe a holy place is a place where we can meet God.

Are there any places where God is not there? (No!)

So everywhere is holy.

- Sometimes we forget that God is everywhere and that we can meet God everywhere.
- So it helps us to set aside certain places to remind ourselves that God is here, and we are paying attention in a special way to meet God.
- We do some things in those special God-meeting places that help us remember that a place is holy, because we are paying attention to meet God there. (put up crosses, candles, special cloth, wear special clothes, behave a certain way, etc.)
- What are some places we set aside as "holy" - places to remind ourselves to pay attention so we can meet God?
- (examples: church sanctuary, children's church room, your home where you worship online; maybe other places you've been too - like VBS, Lutherlyn, or others. Maybe at bedtime or the beginning of the day or mealtimes your family does a special prayer or blessing - that's a holy place too.)
- If you want to, write down a list of holy places you know.

What are some things we do at church to show the place is holy - a place where we want to pay attention and meet God?
In the sanctuary? In children's church?

What are some things you do at home to make a space for worship when it is time to worship online? How do you remind yourself that it is a place for paying attention and meeting God?

If you are wearing shoes, take them off right now if it is safe to do so. Remind yourself that **wherever you are right now, it is a place where you can meet God, and it is holy ground.**

Draw a picture of some holy places you know - places you meet God. (think back to the list you just made of those places) Include in the picture the things people have done to that space to show those places are holy.

Draw a picture of your favorite pair of shoes.

If you can, cut them out to put in or on your school backpack, or somewhere else you can take them with you most days. (If you want you can glue them onto a piece of cardboard or something else sturdy so they won't get crumpled.)

When you see your shoes, remind yourself that God is everywhere, and everywhere is holy ground - a place we can meet God.

When Moses met God at the burning bush, God gave Moses a special job.

Do you think God has a special job for you?

Maybe it is to be loving towards the people we meet, so they can meet God too.

Say this prayer or one like it: "Dear God, thank you for being everywhere. Help us remember that you are everywhere, you are always with us, and that every place is holy ground. Help us to be loving to everyone. Amen."