









## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
15	2	3	HOLINESS	Holiness in the Old Testament	61: The Burning Bush

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this:  ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Lord, have mercy on us and help us to notice Your Presence in everything around us today and every day, Amen.

**Starter:** Ask the students to give examples of times when they have come close to God and He to them.

**Learning objectives:** - To understand that God is always with us and He always gives us missions to accomplish (to save ourselves and the others) - To understand that God always fulfils His promises to us. – To understand the Burning Bush story as pointing forward to the Incarnation of the Logos (Word) and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### Core Activities and Learning

- Watch a short movie about the Burning Bush story <https://youtu.be/LZpYMr-Ed0Q>
- Get the students to explore the meaning of the story with you. Cover the divine name: "I am who I am." Why did God reply like that to Moses' request for His Name?
- Teachers can help the students by asking them to repeat some of conversation between God and Moses. (What did God ask Moses to do? Why? What was God's promise? What was Moses answer? What happened next?)
- God appeared in the fire that lights our way and burns away our sins. In the New Testament, the fire was also mentioned on many occasions for example: "And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance" (Acts 2:3, 4). We also, of course, have the Uncreated Light or Fire of the Godhead in the account of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 17:1-8)

### Deeper Meanings and the Connection with the New Testament

Thoughts for the teachers: Moses saw a burning bush that was not consumed, "And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, but the bush was not consumed" (Exodus 3:2). Refer also to: "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire" (Deuteronomy 4:24). The burning bush, which was not consumed by fire, is a type of the Virgin Mary, who carried the incarnate God in her womb but was not consumed by His presence (Luke 1:2638). See the enclosed icon (burning-bush-theotokos.jpg).

### Activity to Confirm Learning

#### Group Work – to discuss and report back to the Leader

Moses and the Bush that was not consumed tells us what our experience of coming into Church and worshipping should be like. Explore and explain the similarities.

**Resources:** Laptop or table to present the video clip. Icon: burning-bush-theotokos.jpg

**Review:** God fulfils His promises and He is always with us

**Follow Up:** Let us remember Moses and God's promise to him every time we see fire during this week. Let us recall the fire in the womb of the Panagia and in the Upper Room at Pentecost.