

The Glory of the Lord

Do you remember last week's lesson? Today's lesson comes after the story of the Golden Calf from last week. Moses wants to learn how he and the people he is leading can know God better.

Let's start with a prayer: Almighty and loving God, we thank you for giving us the Bible so that we can learn more about the old stories that we don't often hear. These stories still help us today and all week long whether we are at home, at school, or just anywhere. God had a plan for His people long, long ago and He still has a plan for all of us.

Let's read this week's story!

Exodus 33:12-23

New International Version

Moses and the Glory of the LORD

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Reflection Questions:

- I wonder why Moses asks these things of God?
- I wonder why Moses couldn't see all of God, face to face?
- I wonder what it felt like for God to pass that close to Moses?
- I wonder if you have ever felt God or seen God?

Activities:

God knows us by name. (*To the adult helper*) Take a sheet of paper and write the child's name down the side. You can use both first and last name if the name is too short. (*The child can do this, or you can help.*) For each letter of the name, write, or draw something that shows that they know God is near or close to you. For each letter try to find a picture from a magazine of whatever the word is for each letter.

Here is an example using the name FRANK

Friends – I feel God is with me when I am with my friends. (*Picture of friends*)

Rainbow – I can see God's presence in the rainbow. (*Picture of rainbow*)

Ants – Remind me that God is busy at work even if I can't see it all the time. (*Picture of ants working together*)

Night – I can feel God's presence at night, when the world goes quiet and the stars come out. (*Picture of nighttime*)

Kindness – I can experience God's presence when someone is kind to me or when I am kind to someone else. (*Picture of someone being kind*)

Make a mural:

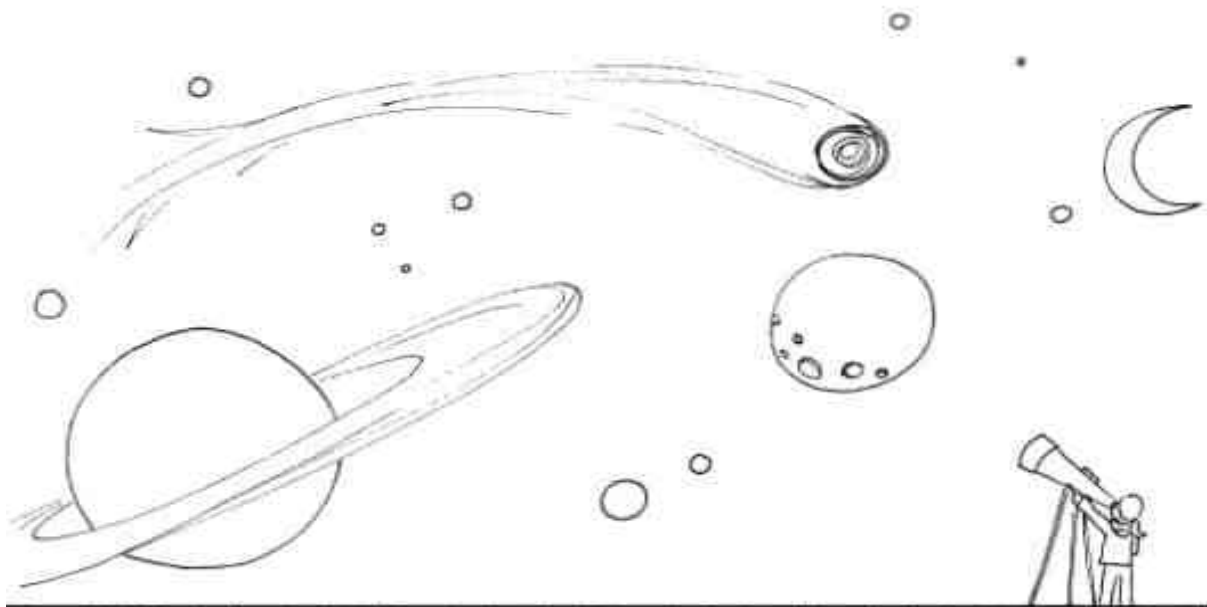
Find lots of pictures in magazines, cut them out and paste them on a Larger sheet of paper to show all the wonderful ways that show us how God is with us all the time.

Coloring pages attached:

Whatever you do, do everything



for the glory of God. 1 Cor 10:31



The Heavens declare the glory of God.

Psalms 19:1

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