



## Children's Church Devotion

### Face to Face with God

#### Materials Needed

- Sunscreen
- Wide-brimmed hat
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Sunglasses
- Sign language for "face to face" [signingsavvy.com/wordlist/5194/](https://signingsavvy.com/wordlist/5194/)

#### GATHERING SONG

#### INVOCATION:

We begin our time together in the name of the Father who created us, in the name of His Son Jesus who saved us, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who keeps us in the one true faith. Amen.

#### OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, we thank You for this day which You have made; we rejoice in it. Be with us, Lord, as we gather in this place to hear Your Word. Help us grow in our faith. Quiet our thoughts and concerns so we may come face to face with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Read: Exodus 34:29-35** (Use NIRV Bible if possible.)

#### MESSAGE:

- Who likes to play outside?
- What are some things you like to do when you are outside?
- Has anyone ever spent some time in the mountains? Maybe camping or hiking?
- If so, how are the mountains different from the beach?

#### FOCUS VERSE:

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. He had the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. His face was shining because he had spoken with the LORD. But he didn't realize it.  
-Exodus 34:29 NIRV

#### SUGGESTED SONGS:

*Shine, Jesus Shine*  
Graham Kendrick

*Make Me a Servant*  
Kelly Willard

*Lord I Lift your Name on High*  
Rick Founds

Most people know how to keep their faces safe from the sun at the beach. But did you know that people who live high up in the mountains need to be especially careful not to get a sunburn on their skin?

- Why do you think that is? Why do people in the mountains need to worry about sunburn no matter what time of the year it is? (The mountains bring you closer to the heat of the sun.)
- What are some things you can do to keep from getting sunburn? (Use visuals and discuss.)

**In the Bible, God tells us about a man named Moses whose face looked as if it was glowing from the sun. (Read focus verse.)**

Moses was bringing the 10 Commandments from God to God's people, and his face was shining! This was because Moses had spoken with God. He did not know his face was shining, but the people did. His brother Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses' bright shining face and they were afraid to get close to him. But Moses insisted they come near him. It was important for Moses to be face to face with the people so he could share God's commands with them.

When we see someone with a sunburn, we may cringe because we know the burn is going to hurt that person. But can you imagine what it must have been like to see Moses' face shining? It must have been a sight to see!

Every time Moses would go speak to God, his face would shine brightly. The people knew each face to face meeting was truly a time God spoke to Moses because of that glow. The people knew they needed to listen closely to Moses as he told them God's message.

The good news is we do not need to climb Mt. Sinai or any other mountain to come face to face with God. He is always with us and we can talk to Him or praise Him at any time.

**• What are some ways we can come face to face with God?**

*(Discuss. Ideas may include: worship, prayer, Bible time, baptism, communion, song, etc.)*

There is another place in the Bible that talks about the importance of coming face to face with God. Listen to Psalm 27:8 (NIV). It says: *My heart says of you, "Seek His face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.*

Spending time with God must really be important if it is talked about in the Bible so many times.

**• Can you think of any other times in the Bible where people either spoke with God or spent time worshipping or praying to God?**

*(Discuss. Ideas may include: Abraham, Noah, Saul/Paul, the disciples, etc.)*



I guess we were right. It is very important to seek God's face, and it is also very important to tell others about God and His love. After Moses was face to face with God, he took God's message to the people face to face.

**Think about this for a moment.**

- Have you ever told anyone about God and His love?
- Who do you think needs to know about God and His love? (Everyone!)

Everyone needs to know about God and His love. This includes people who may seem different from you. This includes people who use a wheelchair or may be blind. This includes people who may need help reading or have trouble hearing. God's love is for you (point) and you (point) and everyone He created. God loves us all and He loves us all the same. Everyone needs to know about God's love.

**Think about this for a moment.**

- Is there someone you know who needs to hear about God and His love?
- What are some ways you can share God's love with them?



Here is where you would teach the sign for face to face if possible.

<https://www.signingsavvy.com/wordlist/5194/FACE+TO+FACE/164177>

When we are face to face (do sign) with God, we know He loves us dearly, and we can tell others face to face (do sign) about this great love.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us to be face to face with You at home, school, church and in our community. Help us remember to tell others about Your love for us, even if they seem different from us. Help us shine with Your love so others can see it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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