



**BIBLE READING FOR  
REASONING LESSON PLANS**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

~ PSALM 119:105 ~

# EXODUS 3

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Teacher Reading:** Exodus 2:11-25

**Student Reading:** Exodus 3:1-15

**Review:** The Lord is a refuge for those who are oppressed, a fortress in times of trouble.

**Principle:** God revealed His nature in His memorial-name, I AM, which is to be revered.

## TEACHER



### Vocabulary:

**alien** (n.) One who is not a citizen of the country in which they are living.

**Bedouin** (n. pl.) [Arabic word that means “those in the desert”] Any of the nomadic tribes of the Arabian, Syrian, Nubian or Sahara Deserts.

**familiar** (adj.) Common; unconstrained; easy; unceremonious.

**hospitality** (n.) Friendly and generous behavior toward visitors and guests, intended to make them feel welcome.

**I AM** (n.) God’s memorial-name that reveals His active and dynamic self-existence; God’s covenant name.

**memorial-name** (n.) A name given to preserve throughout time the memory of one who is to be honored.

**mentor** (n.) A wise and experienced person who intentionally counsels and instructs one who has less wisdom and experience.

**nomad** (n.) A member of a group of people who have no permanent home and move from place to place to find food and water for their family and/or animals.

**obscurity** (n.) A state in which a person or thing is not well known or remembered.

**servanthood** (n.) The role of placing others first and serving their needs.

**theophany** (n.) [Gk. *theos*, God, and *phainein* to show.] A visible manifestation of God to man.

## STUDENT



### Key Word:

**revere** (v.) To regard with fear mingled with respect and affection; to honor.



### Read the Bible Passage:

Read the Bible passage as assigned by your teacher.



### Reason Questions:

1. Explain what happened to Moses that caused him to hastily leave Egypt.
2. Where did Moses settle?
3. How did God provide for Moses’ every need?
4. What was Moses going to learn while shepherding another man’s flocks for forty years?
5. Describe the amazing experience Moses had on Mount Horeb.
6. Whom did Moses meet, and why did the fire of Holy God not consume him?



## Preparation and Lesson Background:

1. For this lesson, read and reflect upon the assigned Bible readings. Make certain that you understand them in the context of this lesson.
2. Review Period Three from the “Historical Background of Moses” on pages 46-48.
3. Study the teacher vocabulary words, the principle, and the teacher background information.

**Principle:** God revealed His nature in His memorial-name, “I AM,” which is to be revered.

God has a name! He is not an unknowable, anonymous force. God revealed Himself and His nature to His chosen people by making His name known to them. He called it His “memorial-name to all generations” (Exodus 3:15). A name expresses one’s essential identity and the meaning of one’s life. To disclose one’s name is to make oneself known to others. In a way, it is becoming accessible to others and being capable of being known more intimately and addressed in a personal way.

God is described in Scripture by a variety of names, but the only time He revealed His personal name and explained it was to Moses in the midst of a burning bush (Exodus 3:14-15). He identified Himself as “I AM WHO I AM” or “I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE.” He told Moses to tell the sons of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.”

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Hebrew is read from right to left. In English we transliterate these Hebrew characters to *Y-H-W-H* or *Yahweh*. This name describes God’s fullness. It means the eternal, unchanging, self-existent God, and it signifies that God has no beginning and has no end. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). When God revealed His personal name to Moses, it was a turning point in the relationship between God and His covenant people. He became a relational God whom they could know and trust.

In the fullness of time (1,300 years later), God sent forth His Son Jesus to Earth (Galatians 4:4), who revealed God’s nature in an even fuller and more personal way. During Jesus’ three-year ministry, He infuriated the Jewish authorities when He proclaimed that He was **I AM**. He said, “*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*” (John 14:9). To further authenticate His equality with the Father and clarify who He was, Jesus made various statements when He taught that supported His deity and explained His purpose for coming to Earth. We will find many of these “types” or “foreshadows” of Jesus as we read the book of Exodus:

7. What was the name God gave Moses to use with the Israelites? In your own words, explain what it means.
8. Describe how we are to reverence God’s name.



## Notebook Record:

1. Copy the Hebrew characters for “I AM” onto your book of Exodus title page under the Scripture verse.

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2. Label the following geographic sites on your Exodus map according to the map standard.
  - SINAI PENINSULA
  - ARABIA
  - MIDIAN
  - Gulf of Suez
  - Gulf of Aqaba
  - Dead Sea
  - Nuweiba
  - Mount Horeb
  - Mount Sinai
  - Rephidim
3. Complete outlining the following bodies of water with your blue colored pencil:
  - Mediterranean Sea
  - Nile River and its delta
  - Dead Sea
  - Red Sea
  - Gulf of Suez
  - Gulf of Aqaba
4. File your Exodus map study in your binder.



## Memory Verse:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8)



**Take prayer and blessing cards home to parents.**

**“I am the bread of life;** he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

**“I am the door;** if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

**“I am the good shepherd,** and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.” (John 10:14-15)

**“I am the vine,** you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

**“I am the Light of the world;** he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” (John 8:12)

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life;** no one comes to the Father but through Me.” (John 14:6)

**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”** says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8)

Just as Moses needed to know the name of the Lord to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, we also need to know the name of the Lord in order to share the good news of Jesus with others. For when we know His name, we better understand His nature and His character.

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:7, KJV)*

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe. (Proverbs 18:10)*

God taught Moses that there is a barrier between a holy God and sinful man. *“Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5).* In getting to know God, we are always to respect and honor Him. He is holy and we are not to become familiar and lose our reverence for Him.

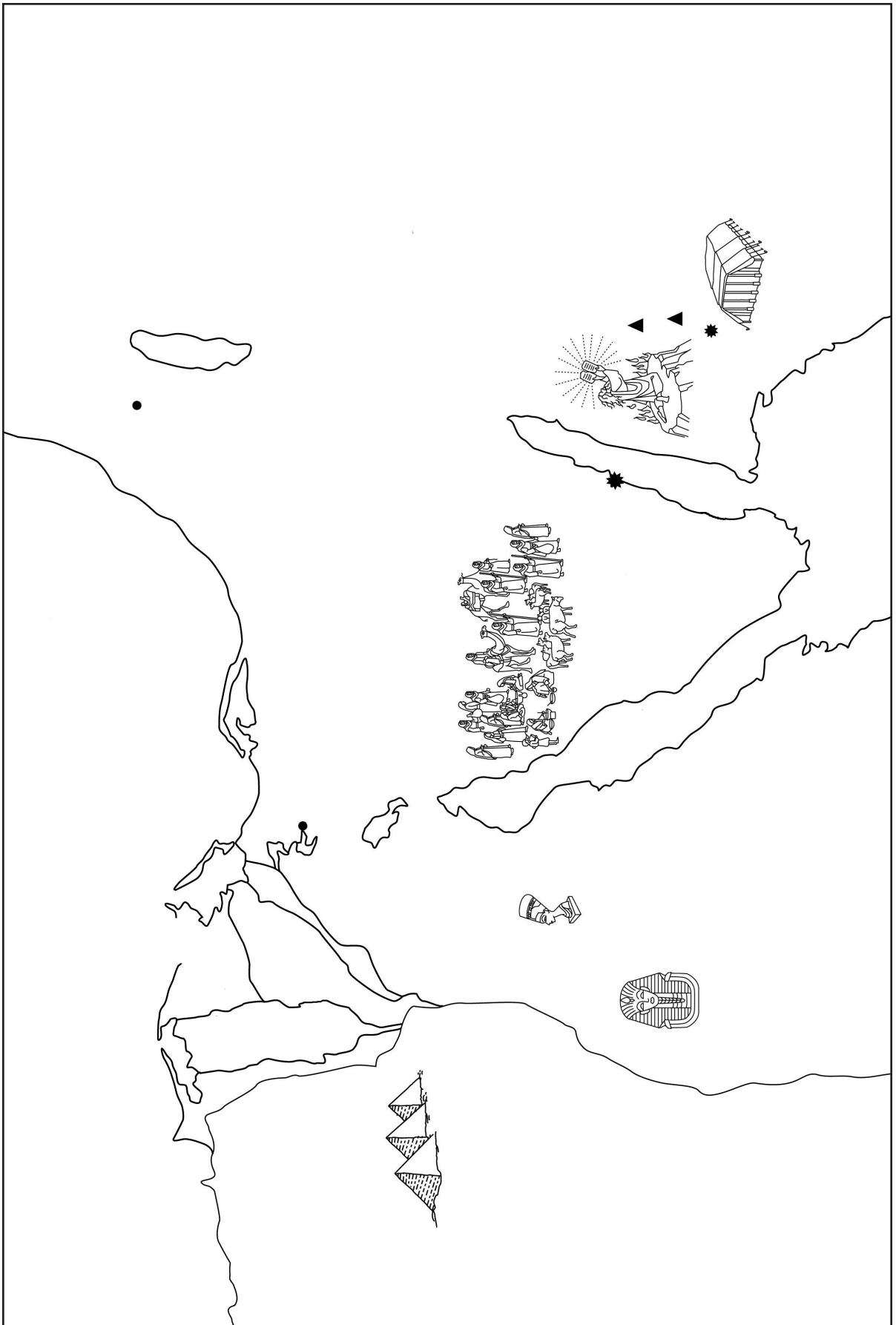
4. Gather resources: Bible, wall map of ancient Bible lands, your completed Exodus map study, student vocabulary card, memory verse card, and parent cards.



### Teaching Plan:

1. Pray: *Dear Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for this opportunity to study your Word and learn more about You and your eternal plan of deliverance and redemption for mankind. Come, tabernacle with us today, we pray. Pour out your Spirit upon us and illumine our minds. Give us fresh revelation of Jesus Christ as our Deliverer and Redeemer. Direct our path as we learn to follow and abide in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

# Exodus Map Study



# The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20

*"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He [Jesus] said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.'" (Matthew 22:36-40)*

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