

Story Time: Read the story to the children:

Lesson 43: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 19:20 – 20:17

The Lord came down to the top of Mount Sinai and told Moses to meet Him there. Then He said, "Moses, go and warn the people not to cross the boundary that you put around the bottom of the mountain. They must not cross it to come and look at me, because if they do, many of them will die. Only the priests may come near me, and they must obey very strict rules before I let them come near me. If they don't, they will be punished." Moses replied, "The people cannot come up the mountain. You warned us to stay away because it is holy." Then the Lord told Moses, "Go down and bring Aaron back here with you. But the priests and people must not try to push their way through to come up to the Lord, or else He will rush out at them like a flood!" After Moses had gone back down, he told the people what the Lord had said.

God spoke all these words to the people of Israel:

I am the Lord your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt where you were slaves. You shall not have any gods before me, which means do not worship any god except me. Do not make idols that look like anything in the sky or on earth or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them and worship them. For I, the Lord your God, am a very jealous God. If you don't respect me, I will punish your families for three or four generations. I will show mercy to thousands of those people who love me and obey my commandments. Do not take my name and use it wrongly. I am the Lord your God, and I will punish anyone who misuses my name. Remember that the Sabbath Day belongs to me. You have six days when you can do your work, but the seventh day of each week belongs to me, your God. No one is supposed to work on that day - not you, or your children, or your slaves, or your animals, or the foreign people who live in your towns. In six days I made the sky, the earth, the oceans, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That's why I made the Sabbath a special day that belongs to me. Honor your father and your mother, and you will live a long time in the land I am giving you. Do not murder. Be faithful to your husband or wife in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not want anything that belongs to someone else. Don't want anyone's house, their wife or their husband, their slaves, oxen, donkeys or anything else that is theirs.

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"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."
EXODUS 31:18

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MEMORY VERSE:

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” MARK 12:30-31

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The Lord told Moses to tell the people not to cross the boundary around the bottom of Mt. Sinai that Moses had made.
TRUE or FALSE
2. The priests were not allowed to cross the boundary around Mt. Sinai.
TRUE or FALSE
3. The Lord said you could have other idols. TRUE or FALSE
4. The Lord said you should not steal. TRUE or FALSE
5. The Lord said it is okay to work on the Sabbath day if it was really important work. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Did Moses obey the Lord?
2. What did the Lord say He would do if the people tried to come up on Mt. Sinai to see Him?
3. Were the people supposed to cross the boundary around the bottom of Mt. Sinai?
4. Are you supposed to tell lies about other people?
5. Are you supposed to steal?
6. Are you supposed to honor your father and mother?

43. Craft/Activity

Ten Commandment Circle Game

Read the Ten Commandments; then play this circle game: Seat children in a circle; then roll a ball to one child who will say any one of the Ten Commandments then roll the ball back to the teacher. Keep rolling the ball to other children.

The following children that are chosen may then say any of the commandments that have not been mentioned (help them out!).

Continue as long as you want to, speeding up the game if you would like to. This will hopefully help the children gain familiarity with all of the commandments.

The Commandment Cross

Cut an 8 ½" x 11" piece of white paper in half, making it into two 8 ½" x 5 ½" pieces, then cut one piece horizontally into 1" strips, then cut the other piece vertically into 1" strips, so you have one set of 8 ½" strips, and one set of 5 ½" strips.

Write the two portions of the memory verse on two strips of paper (Love God on the 5 1/2" x 1" strip of paper and Love Your Neighbor on the 8 1/2" x 1" strip of paper). Staple together to form a cross.

Explain that the Ten Commandments represent our relationship with God and our relationships with others and can only be made right through the cross of Jesus.

PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for His commandments and His help to keep them. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

Connect the dots to draw a border around the bottom of Mt. Sinai like Moses made.

