

Story Time: Read the story to the children:
Lesson 45: MOSES TALKS WITH GOD
Exodus 33:7 - 34:35

Moses used to set up a tent far from camp. He called it the "meeting tent," and whoever needed a message from the LORD would go there. Each time Moses went out to the tent, everyone would stand at the entrance of their own tents and watch him enter. Then they would bow down because a thick cloud would come down in front of the tent, and the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, just like a friend. Afterwards, Moses would return to camp, but his young assistant Joshua would stay at the tent. Moses said to the LORD, "I know that you have told me to lead these people to the land you promised them. But you have not told me who my assistant will be. You have said that you are my friend and that you are pleased with me. If this is true, let me know what your plans are, then I can obey and continue to please you. And don't forget that you have chosen this nation to be your own." The LORD said, "I will go with you and give you peace." Then Moses replied, "If you aren't going with us, please don't make us leave this place. But if you do go with us, everyone will know that you are pleased with your people and with me. That way, we will be different from the rest of the people on earth." So the LORD told him, "I will do what you have asked, because I am your friend and I am pleased with you." Then Moses said, "I pray that you will let me see you in all of your glory." The LORD answered: All right. I am the LORD, and I show mercy and kindness to anyone I choose. I will let you see my glory and hear my holy name, but I won't let you see my face, because anyone who sees my face will die. There is a rock not far from me. Stand beside it, and before I pass by in all of my shining glory, I will put you in a large crack in the rock. I will cover your eyes with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back. You will not see my face.

One day the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two flat stones like the first ones I made, and I will write on them the same commandments that were on the two you broke. Be ready tomorrow morning to come up Mount Sinai and meet me at the top. No one is to come with you or to be on the mountain at all. Don't even let the sheep and cattle graze at the foot of the mountain." So Moses cut two flat stone tablets like the first ones, and early the next morning he carried them to the top of Mount Sinai, just as the LORD had commanded. The LORD

God came down in a cloud and stood beside Moses there on the mountain. God spoke his holy name, "the LORD." Then he passed in front of Moses and called out, "I am the LORD God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. I keep my promises to my people forever, but I also punish anyone who sins. When people sin, I punish them and their children, and also their grandchildren and great-grandchildren." Moses quickly bowed down to the ground and worshiped the LORD. He prayed, "LORD, if you really are pleased with me, I pray that you will go with us. It is true that these people are sinful and disobedient, but forgive our sin and let us be your people." The LORD said: I promise to perform miracles for you that have never been seen anywhere on earth. Other nations nearby will stand in fear and know that I was the one who did these marvelous things. I will force out the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, but you must do what I command you today. Don't make agreements with any of those people. If you do, it will be like falling into a trap. Instead, you must destroy their altars and tear down the sacred poles they use in the worship of their goddess Asherah. I demand your complete loyalty--you must not worship any other god! Don't make agreements with the people there, or you will soon find yourselves worshiping their gods and taking part in their sacrificed meals. Your men will even marry their women and be convinced to worship their gods. Don't make metal images of gods. Don't forget to observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the month of Abib. Obey me and eat bread without yeast for seven days during Abib, because that is the month you left Egypt. The oldest males of your families and of your flocks and herds belong to me. You can save the life of a first-born donkey by sacrificing a lamb; if you don't, you must break the donkey's neck. You must save every first-born son. Bring an offering every time you come to worship. Do your work in six days and rest on the seventh day, even during the seasons for plowing and harvesting. Celebrate the Harvest Festival each spring when you start harvesting your wheat, and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles each autumn when you pick your fruit. Your men must come to worship me three times a year, because I am the LORD God of Israel. I will force the nations out of your land and make your borders larger and larger. Then no one will try to take your property when you come to worship me these three times each year. When you sacrifice an animal on the altar, don't offer bread made with yeast. And don't save any part of the Passover meal for the next day. I am the LORD your God, and you must bring the first part of your

harvest to the place of worship. Don't boil a young goat in its mother's milk. The LORD told Moses to put these laws in writing, as part of his agreement with Israel. Moses stayed on the mountain with the LORD for forty days and nights, without eating or drinking. And he wrote down the Ten Commandments, the most important part of God's agreement with his people. Moses came down from Mount Sinai, carrying the Ten Commandments. His face was shining brightly because the LORD had been speaking to him. But Moses did not know at first that his face was shining. When Aaron and the others looked at Moses, they saw that his face was shining, and they were afraid to go near him. Moses called out for Aaron and the leaders to come to him, and he spoke with them. Then the rest of the people of Israel gathered around Moses, and he gave them the laws that the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. The face of Moses kept shining, and after he had spoken with the people, so he covered his face with a veil. Moses would always remove the veil when he went into the sacred tent to speak with the LORD. And when he came out, he would tell the people everything the LORD had told him to say. They could see that his face was still shining. So after he had spoken with them, he would put the veil back on and leave it on until the next time he went to speak with the LORD.

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“And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses.”

EXODUS 33:9

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MEMORY VERSE:

“If I have found grace in your sight, make me see now Your ways, that I may know You, that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people” EXODUS 33:13

TRUE OR FALSE

1. A thick cloud would come down and cover the front of the meeting tent when Moses entered it. TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD spoke to Moses face to face like a friend. TRUE or FALSE
3. Moses used a telephone to talk to the LORD. TRUE or FALSE
4. Moses wanted to see the LORD in all His glory, but the LORD told Moses that no man can see Him and live. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD told Moses to let the Israelite men marry women from the other nations around them. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Why didn't the LORD want the Israelites to be friends and make agreements with the other nations around them?
2. How many commandments did the LORD give to the people?
3. Who does the first-born male of all the people and animals belong to?
4. What happened to Moses' face after he came out of the meeting tent after talking to the LORD?
5. Did Moses' face make the people afraid? What did Moses do about his face?

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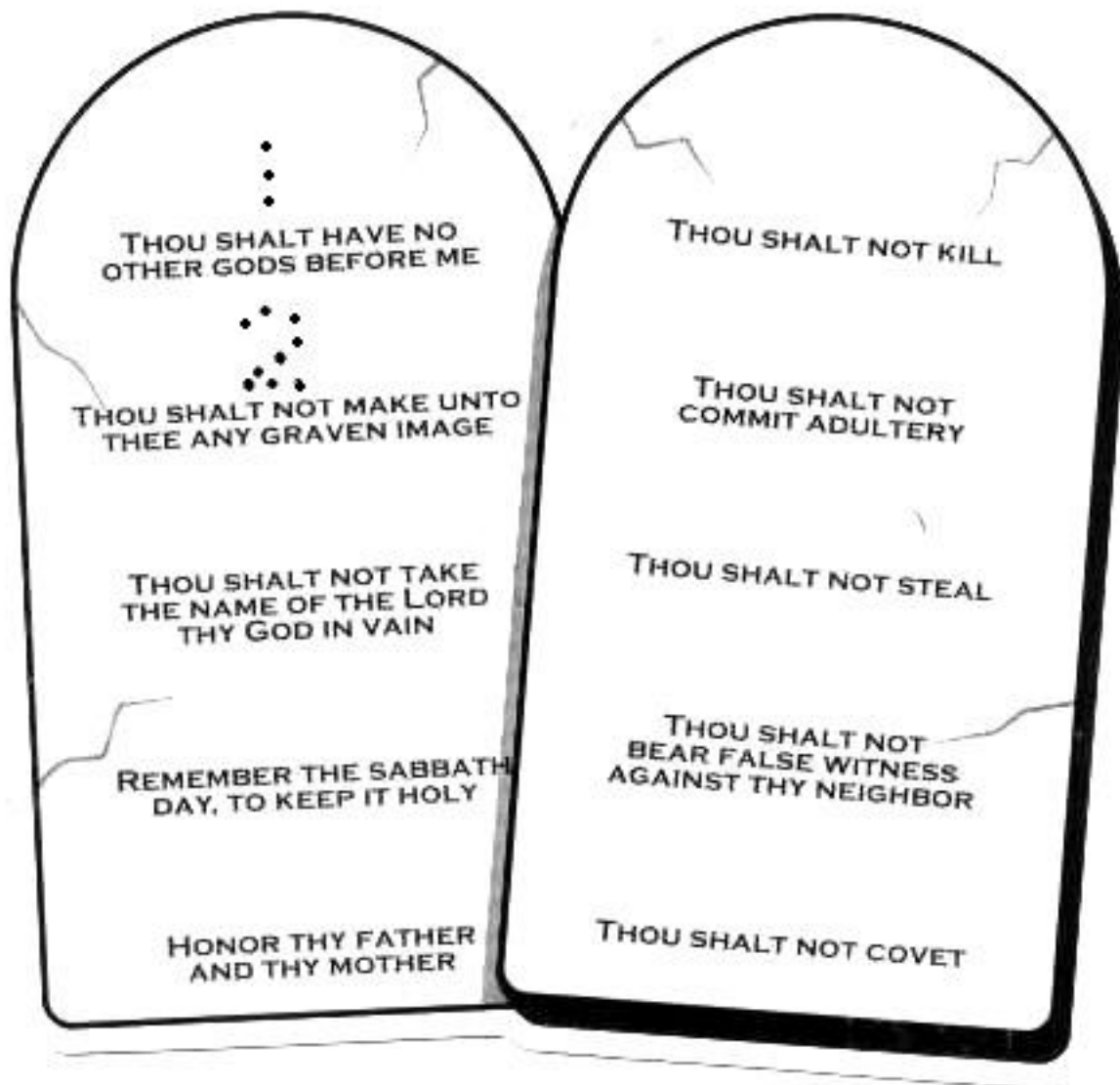
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FRIEND

GRACE
MOSES
REST

STONE
TENT
WORSHIP

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Write the numbers 1 through 10 above each commandment.



45. Craft/Activity

God's Way

Materials: Four copies of the foot steps, OR a sheet of rolled butcher or other paper.

Flashlight

Bible

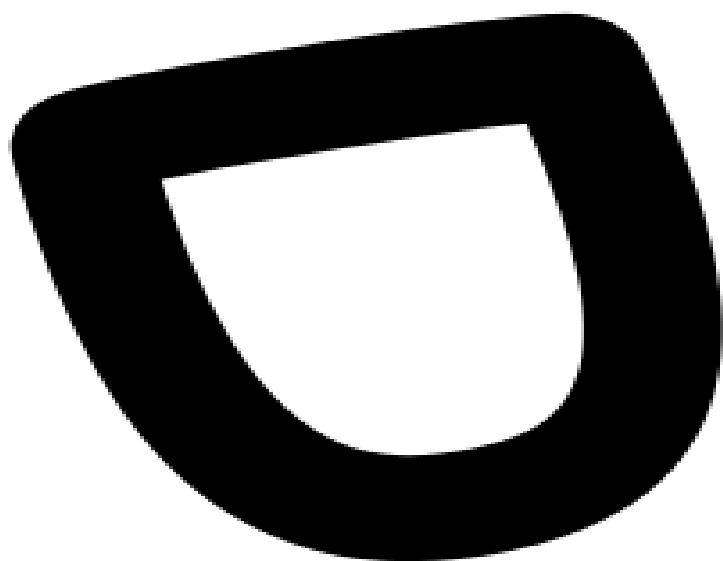
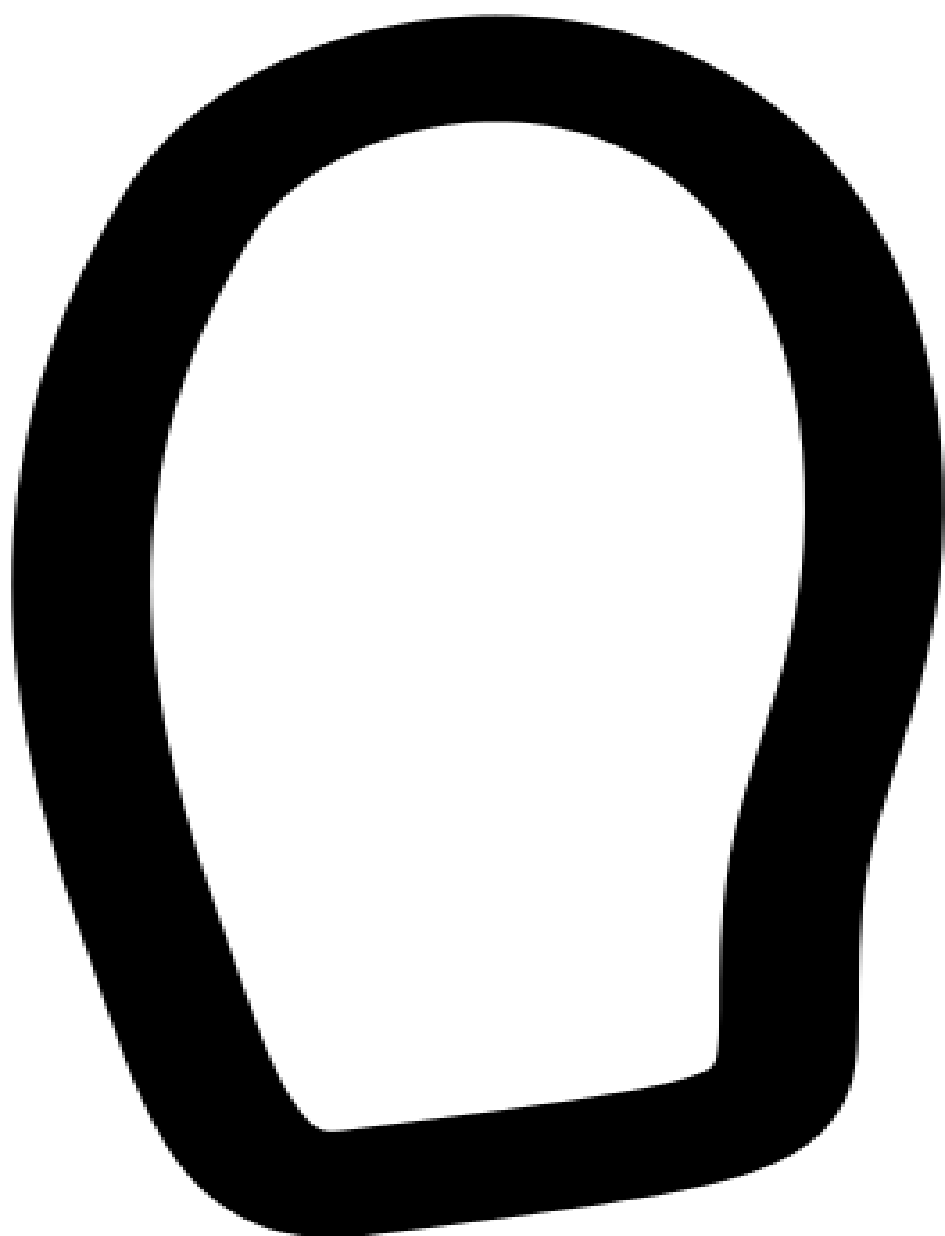
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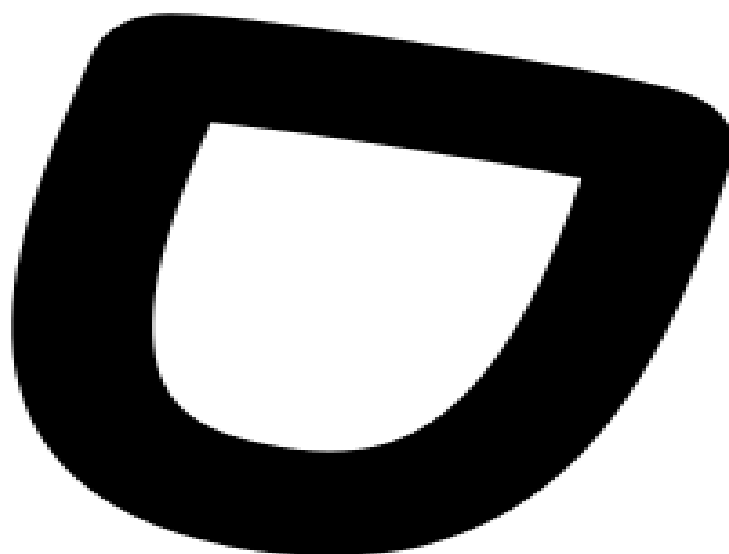
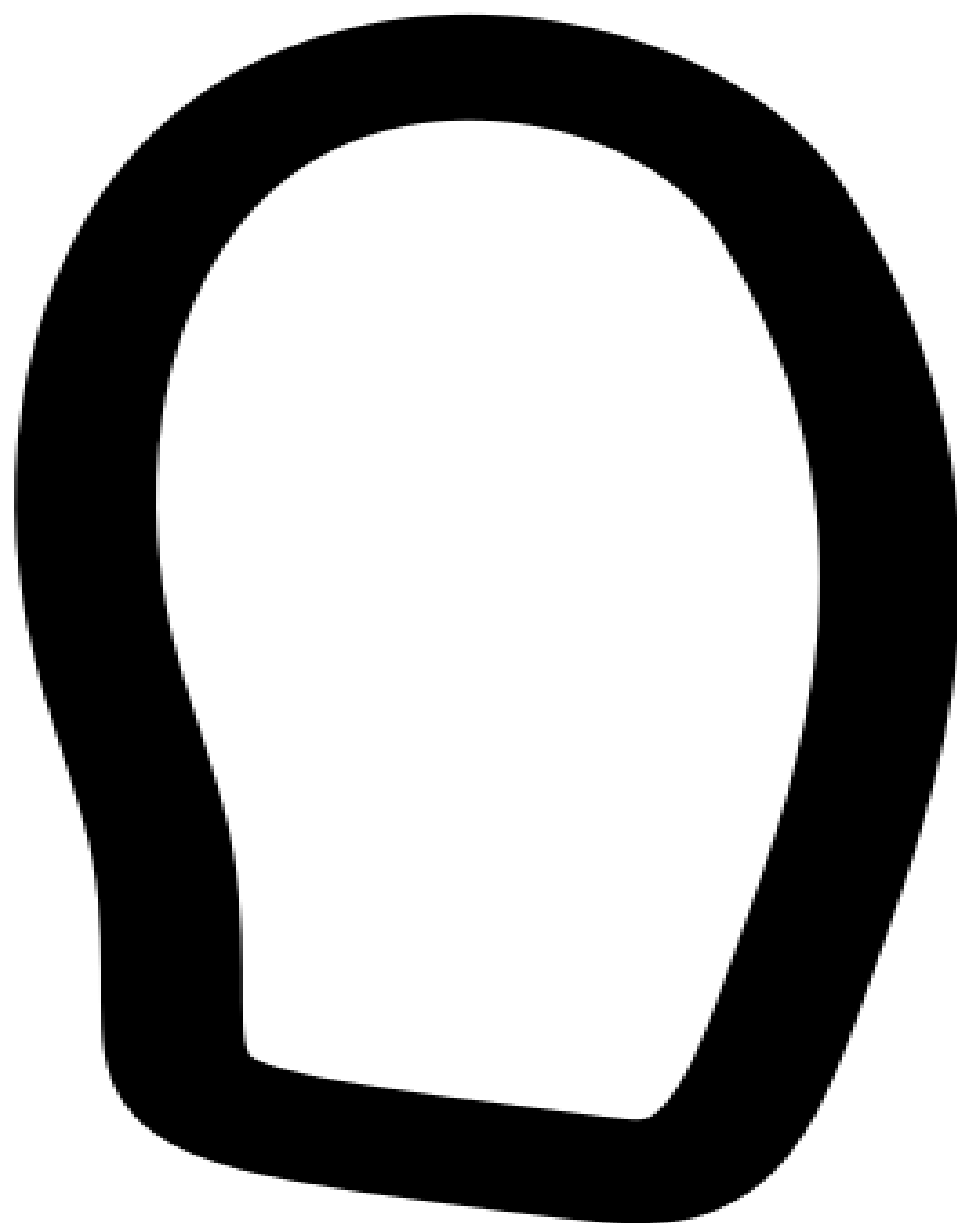
Cut out four footsteps (template is at the bottom of this lesson). Write the steps to salvation: 1. Realize you have sinned; 2. Ask for forgiveness; 3. Believe that Jesus died and rose again to take away your sins; 4. Ask Him to come into your heart and commit your whole life to Him.

Tape these to the floor. Another way to do it, is if you have a long roll of paper, roll out the paper and draw footsteps on the paper, then write the steps next to the footprints.

Turn off the lights (tell the kids ahead of time) and compare the darkness to our dark world. Then explain that God always makes sure we know the way to get to Him (shine flashlight on path and steps of salvation). There are other ways God shows us the way to get to Him (shine light on a Bible) and say that God gives us His word in the Bible to show us the way, (then shine light on a child) and say that God also works in us to bring glory to Himself, using us to tell other people the way!

PRAYER Thank the Lord that we can have a special friendship with the Him just like Moses. Give opportunity for those who are not Christians to respond to the gospel.





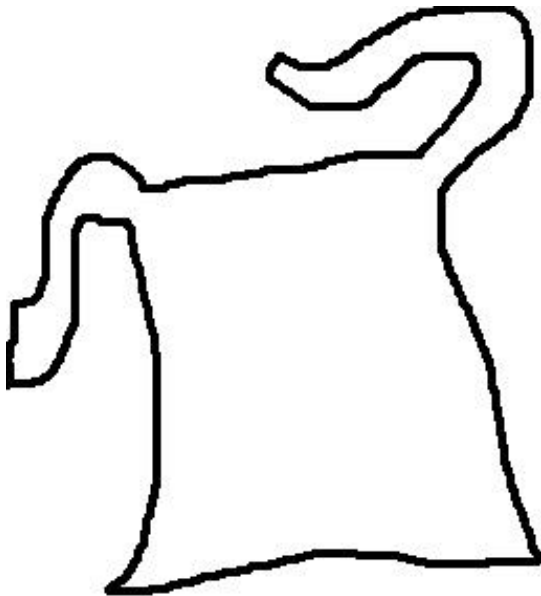
Moses' Veil (optional craft)

Materials:

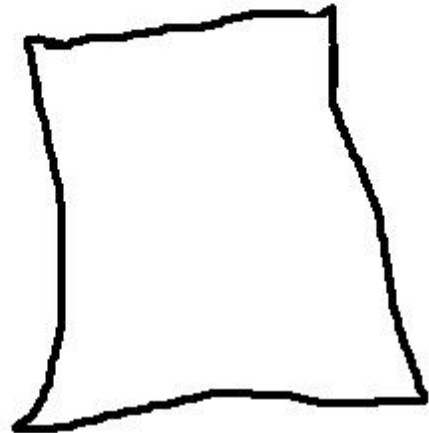
18" squares of cheap white sheet or other see-through material

Cut the sheet or material into 18" squares and give one to each child.
Have the child drape the material over their head like a veil.

Optional: You can cut tie-ends on the veil to tie around the child's head. Make sure the ties are at least 6" long each:



(with tie ends)



(without tie ends)