

# GOD GAVE MOSES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 20:1-21



## The STORY

Read the story of God giving the Ten Commandments to Israel from the ESV Bible in Exodus 20:1-21.

**Please note:** *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Moses went up onto the mountain and God gave him the Ten Commandments.)
- What were the commandments for? (They are the beginning of God's law that shows people their sinfulness and teaches them God's holy standards.)
- When God came to the mountain, what happened? (When God came up onto the mountain there was thunder and lightning and smoke. The people trembled with fear, for God had warned them not to touch the mountain or they would be killed.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Moses standing with the Ten Commandments. Engage the children by asking:**

- What is Moses holding in his hands? (The Ten Commandments)
- What are the Ten Commandments?  
Have them repeat the Ten Commandments again.
- Why does God want us to worship him alone? (He is the one that made us. He is the only true God. All other gods are made up, false gods.)
- Who can tell me what one of the commandments is?  
See how many of the children can remember one of the Ten Commandments.

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

• Why do you think the people were afraid of God? (The people were afraid of God because they saw his power and might in opening the Red Sea and other miracles.)

• Who here has broken one of God's commandments?

Help the children to realize that everyone breaks God's commandments and that no one is perfect. Only God is perfect.

The Ten Commandments:

- Do not worship other gods
- Do not make idols to worship
- Do not take God's name in vain
- Keep the Sabbath day holy
- Respect your parents
- Do not murder
- Do not commit adultery
- Do not steal
- Do not tell lies about others
- Do not covet



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### WHERE IS JESUS?

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

God gave Moses the law so the people would know what was evil in the sight of the Lord. Furthermore, through the commandments they would learn how incapable they are of keeping the law. This was designed by God to point them to their need for a Savior. Ultimately the law points us to Christ, the only who was able to keep the law. Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant. Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant.

But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. (Galatians 3:22-24)

### SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

#### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

