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God Gives His Commandments

Exodus 19:1-20:21



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God gave the rescued people commands for worship and life together.

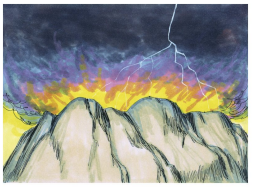
Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Preparing to Meet at Sinai

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After leaving Egypt, Israel arrived in the wilderness of Sinai and camped before the mountain. Moses went up, and God gave him a message for the people. God reminded them of their rescue, describing his care with the picture of an eagle carrying its young. He invited them to keep his covenant and become a holy nation with a special calling among the peoples of the earth, which all belonged to him.

Moses called the elders and explained what God had said. The people answered together that they would do what God commanded. Moses carried their answer back. God said that he would come in a thick cloud so that the people could hear when he spoke with Moses. They were to prepare over the next days, wash their clothes, and be ready. Boundaries were set around the mountain that they must not cross.

On the third morning, thunder and lightning appeared, with a thick cloud and a very loud trumpet sound. The people in the camp trembled. Moses brought them out to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Sinai was covered in smoke because God had descended in fire. The whole mountain shook. This was not an ordinary meeting between a leader and a crowd at their tents.

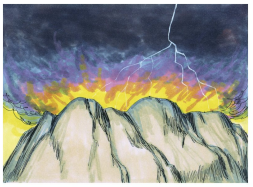
The trumpet grew louder. Moses spoke, and God answered. God called him to the mountain's summit and repeated the warning that the people must not break through the boundaries. The holiness of the meeting was to be respected. Moses went down and told the people. The preparation, the signs on the mountain, and the careful instructions led toward God's words for the community he had rescued from slavery in Egypt.

Remember: Respect for God belongs with honesty and care for neighbors.

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Commands for Worship and Life Together

Exodus 19:1-20:21



God began by identifying himself as the one who had brought the people out of Egypt and slavery. The commands followed that rescue. Israel was to have no other gods before him and make no idols to worship. They were not to misuse his name. Their worship and speech were to show loyalty and respect, rather than treating God as one more object that could be made, controlled, or used carelessly.

They were to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Six days were for work, while the seventh was a day of rest for the whole household. The command included children, servants, visitors, and livestock. Rest was not only for the person with the most power. God connected it with creation, when he made the world and rested. The people were also told to honor their father and mother.

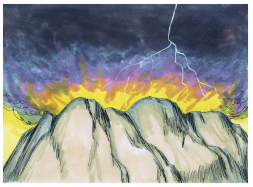
Other commands addressed how they treated one another. They were not to murder, be unfaithful in marriage, steal, or give false testimony against a neighbor. They were not to covet what belonged to another household. These instructions reached actions, relationships, words, and desires. A community could not live well together if its people treated others' lives, promises, possessions, and reputations as things that could be taken or damaged whenever they wished.

The people saw the smoke and lightning and heard the thunder and trumpet. They stood at a distance and asked Moses to speak with them, afraid of hearing God directly. Moses explained that this serious encounter should lead them away from wrongdoing. They remained back while he approached the thick cloud. Israel had received commands for its worship and shared life, with a reminder at the beginning that God had already acted to bring them out.

Pause and think: Which command can you connect with a small action that protects another person’s trust, rest, or well-being?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Connect a Command with a Real Action



Choose one command about your neighbor and think of an ordinary example. Not stealing might mean asking before using another person's special markers. Not giving false testimony might mean refusing to spread a story when you do not know it is true. These are examples for today, not additional scenes at Sinai. Which example helps you see why another person's trust or possessions need care?

The Sabbath command includes people who might otherwise be overlooked. Think about a group activity: who does the setting up and cleaning afterward? An adult may help everyone share the work fairly so that some people are not always working while others always relax. Noticing the whole group is a useful way to explore the command's concern for a household's rest.

Honoring parents is not an instruction to accept abuse or keep dangerous secrets. A safe adult can help you understand respectful words and the right to ask for protection. People in Jewish and Christian traditions also number the commandments in different ways. You can read the passage thoughtfully with your family while learning to treat other readers with patience and respect.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

God gives the rescued community commands that connect faithful worship with care in daily life.

Which command can you connect with a small action that protects another person’s trust, rest, or well-being?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Where did the people receive these commands?

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2. Name one command about caring for neighbors.

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2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The people asked Moses to speak with them.
- ☐ God spoke his commandments.
- ☐ Israel prepared to meet God at Sinai.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the mountain and add a symbol of rest, honesty, or care.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Respect for God belongs with honesty and care for neighbors.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Exodus 20:1-17

A thoughtful conversation

Christian and Jewish traditions divide and number the commandments differently. Honoring parents never requires a child to keep harmful secrets or accept abuse.

Activity answers

1. At Mount Sinai.
2. For example, do not steal or lie about someone.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me honor you and treat people with honesty and care.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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