



Ten Commandments and Golden Calf

Ex 19-34—Story (pg 2), use own Bible Story book, or Paraphrase from the Bible

Lesson	Tactile Time	Take-home
<p>Read/Tell Story (pg 2)</p> <p>Focus:</p>	<p>Cardboard Mountain See page 3 for directions</p>	<p>Moses Goes up Mt. Sinai (pp 4-5).</p>
<p>Read/Tell Story (pg 2)</p> <p>Focus: Ten Commandments</p>	<p>Poster See page 3 for directions</p>	<p>Ten Commandment Tablets (pg 6)</p>
<p>Read/Tell Story (pg 2)</p> <p>Focus: People disobey and make a golden calf</p>	<p>Cardboard Mountain, toy cow that has been painted gold, Aaron, and a couple of Israelites from earlier lessons (see The Exodus lesson), “Earrings” made from wire or hair pins painted gold, and a “veil” for Moses’s face when he returns from the mountain the second time.</p>	<p>Aaron Makes a Golden Calf (pp 7-8)</p>

Songs (pg 3):

At Mt. Sinai

The Ten Commandments and Golden Calf

A Short while after God had given the people manna in the wilderness, they moved on till they came to a great mountain called Mount Sinai. Do you remember what Moses saw on Mt Sinai before? ___ God talked to Moses from a burning bush on Mt. Sinai before he led the people out of Egypt.

The Israelites made their camp by Mt Sinai and stayed there for a long time. God spoke to Moses and said, "In three days I am going to come in a thick cloud and speak to you in front of the people so that they will believe you and know that I am God. Tell them to get ready. Do not let the people, or even the animals, go up on this mountain, or even touch it, or they will be killed."

Moses did what God said, and on the third day, there was thunder (let children make thunder sound by drumming on the table top in front of them) and lightning, and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a loud sound of many trumpets (let children say "brr-brr-brr"). Smoke came out of the mountain. The people stood out in the camp. The trumpet sounds became louder and louder and then Moses spoke to God and God answered Moses.

God spoke to all the people and said, "I am the Lord thy God who brought you out of Egypt." Then he gave them ten laws called the Ten Commandments. They were: (be sure to explain these in words the children can understand.)

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain.
- IV. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
- V. Honor thy father and thy mother
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The people heard God's word and saw the mountain smoking and heard the thundering and they were scared. They told Moses "Don't let God speak to us, we are too scared. You speak to God and then you tell us what to do."

Moses told the people God was speaking to them so they would fear Him and remember His words and obey them.

Then God called Moses up to the top of the mountain and Moses went up among the clouds. Moses stayed there 40 days talking to God and listening to God's words. God gave Moses many laws for the people and He gave Moses two flat tables of stone on which God had written the Ten Commandments that He had given to the people.

While Moses was up on the mountain the people began to forget God and do bad things. They came to Aaron, Moses's brother, and said "we don't know what happened to Moses, make us gods to go before us and lead us." Aaron did a bad thing too! We took the people's earrings of gold and melted them and shaped the gold into a golden calf. The people began to worship the calf and say "THIS is the god that brought us out of Egypt."

God saw what the people were doing and was very angry with them, for two of the laws He had given them a few days before, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" and "Thou shalt not make unto me any graven image" and the people had done both! God told Moses to go quickly to the camp. When Moses came down and saw the people were worshipping the golden calf he was so angry with them that he threw down the tables of stone with the 10 Commandments on them and they broke in pieces on the ground.

Moses tore down the golden calf, burned it in the fire, and ground it into powder. Then he threw it into the water and made the people drink it. Moses asked Aaron why he had done this terrible thing and Aaron said all he did was throw the gold into the fire and the calf just came out by itself. Did Aaron tell the truth? NO. God punished many of the people. Then Moses asked God to forgive them and God did.

Moses cut two more tablets of stone, went back up to the top of the mountain and wrote the commandments on the new stone tables. Moses stayed 40 more days before coming down from the mountain. When he did come down Moses's face was bright and shining because he had been in the presence of God so long. It was so bright that when he talked to the people he had to wear a covering called a veil over his face, for they couldn't look at the light without it hurting their eyes. But when Moses went to talk to God, he always took off the veil.

The Ten Commandments

(tune: "Ten Little Indians")

God gave Moses the ten commandments
Upon a mountain called Sinai.
On two stone tables they were written
With the finger of God.

The Golden Calf

(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Thou shalt have no other gods, other gods, other gods.
"Thou shalt have no other gods,"
God's first commandment said.

Make yourselves no idols, no idols, no idols.
"Make yourselves no idols,"
God's next commandment said.

The people made a golden calf, golden calf, golden calf.
The people made a golden calf
And said it was their god.

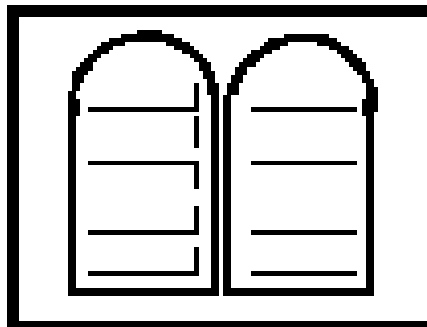
Moses saw what they had done, they had done, they had done.
Moses saw what they had done
And threw the tablets down.

Cardboard Mountain Visual Aid for Lesson 1

From heavy cardboard cut out a mountain about 20" high. Paint if want to. Cut out a cloud from poster board and cover it with cotton; it should be about 8" high and wide enough to cover the top of the mountain. Glue a piece of sponge to the back of the cloud, then glue the sponge to the mountain near the top so that the cloud covers and stands out from the mountain top. Punch a hole at the bottom of the mountain and another hole at the top of the mountain behind the cloud. Thread a 36" long piece of string through the two holes; tie a knot in each end on the back of the mountain so that the string cannot slip back through the holes. Pull the bottom string out as far as you can from the back. Tape an old flannelgraph or other figure of Moses to the string on the front at the foot of the mountain. Then, at the proper time in the story, by pulling the top string on the back, Moses can be made to go up the mountain and behind the cloud to talk to God. While Moses is behind the cloud, put two tables of stone which you have cut from sandpaper in Moses' hands. Then bring Moses down the mountain again by pulling on the bottom string.

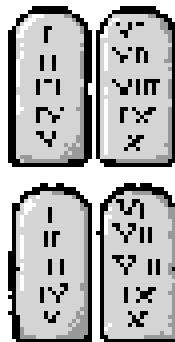
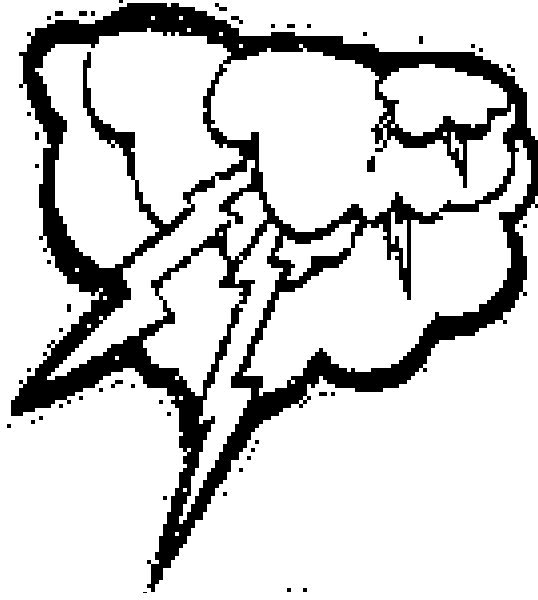
Ten Commandments Poster

From brown or gray poster-board cut out two "stone tablets". Glue to full size poster-board. On 10 pieces of poster-board write the ten commandments. Put velcro or magnet on the back of the commandment pieces and on the "stone tablets". As you read the commandments during the lesson attach the correct piece to the poster.



God spoke to Moses and the people of Israel from
Mt. Sinai.

Help Moses get to the top of the mountain to talk to God.



Cut a piece of string about 12" for each child.

Punch a hole at the top of the mountain and another hold at the bottom of the mountain. Thread the string from the front at the bottom and top and tie a knot at each end on the back of the paper. Pull the string all the way tight at the top of the mountain.

After the child colors Moses and glues the tables of stone in each hand tape Moses to the string.

Using mounting tape (thick foam double-sticky tape) tape the cloud at the top of the mountain so that the cloud covers and stands out from the mountain top.

To make Moses climb the mountain and go behind the cloud to get the Ten Commandments pull the top string until Moses has disappeared behind the cloud.

To make Moses descend the mountain simply pull the string from the bottom of the mountain.

Ten Commandment Tablets:

Before class-

Cover two single size serving cereal boxes, pop tart boxes, or other small boxes with brown paper-bag which has been crumpled up and opened back up. (Do not smooth the creases and wrinkles out).

In class-

Give each child a two "stone" tablets and a set of commandments. Glue one half of the commandments on each "stone"

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Aaron made the people of Israel a golden calf to worship while Moses was on Mt. Sinai Ex. 32



Slot A

Slot B

Slot C

Pull—Tab A



Before Class

Cut along dotted lines on previous page.
Cut out the strips along all solid lines on this page.

From the back Pull Tab “A” through slot “A”, pull Tab “B” through slot “B” and then down to the back through slot “C”

In Class

Color page. Use gold glitter glue for the earrings and the calf idol if desired.

Pull Tab “B” to make the earrings go into the fire and the golden calf come out of the fire.

Pull—Tab A



Pull-Tab B



Pull-Tab B

