



The Law

Exodus 19:1-13, 16-18; 20:1-31:18

Story Context for Leader:

The descendants of Jacob became slaves in Egypt, and God called Moses to deliver them. God brought 10 plagues upon the people of Egypt, and finally the ruler of Egypt let them go.

Bible-Telling Story

Three Days

The people of Israel lived in Egypt for 400 years. The ruler of Egypt made them slaves, but God used Moses to deliver them. He then led them to Mount Sinai.

God said to Moses, "Tell the people to spend three days cleansing their hearts and washing their clothes. Then I will come down on the mountain and talk to them."

So the people did as they were told. They washed their clothes and dedicated themselves to the Lord. On the third day, the mountain burned with fire. The ground shook, and a cloud covered the entire mountain. There was thunder and lightning, and the people heard what sounded like trumpets that grew louder and louder.

The Ten Commandments

Then God said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt and out of slavery!"

1. You are not to worship other gods.
2. You are not to make any kind of idol.
3. Keep my name holy and don't misuse it.
4. Don't work on the seventh day, but keep it holy.
5. Honor your parents and you will live longer.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie to others or about others.
10. Do not desire to have anything that belongs to someone else."

Detailed Instructions

The people cried out, "We will die if God keeps talking to us! Have Him talk to you, and you tell us what He says. We will listen to you."

Moses said, "Don't be afraid. God wants you to stand in awe of Him, so you will not sin." Then Moses went up the mountain to talk with God.

God gave Moses detailed instructions on how the people were to live their lives and how to treat one another. God told how to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. He also gave instructions on how to build the Ark of God, the place where He would live among His people. Finally, God gave Moses two tablets of stone with His laws written by the finger of God.

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Three Days

**four fingers – move hand out
fingers together like a mountain**

*400 years – God delivered them
led them to Mount Sinai*

**three fingers – hands over heart
hands back and forth**

*three days – cleanse their hearts
wash their clothes*

**fingers like fire – other hands shakes
one hand circles over the other**

*mountain burned like fire – ground shook
cloud covered mountain*

**one hand explode out fingers
other hand makes a fist**

lightning – thunder

**fingers like a trumpet
and hands over ears**

trumpets growing louder and louder

Ten Commandments

point up

no other gods

point down

no idols

point up

keep His Name holy

point down

keep a day holy

point to the side

obey your parents

knife in palm

murder

hand over face – look through fingers

adultery

fingers grab something

stealing

hand over mouth

lying

keep hand on mouth and look to the side

coveting

Detailed Instructions

hands over ears – point out – back to ear

*tell God to stop talking to us
have Him talk to you – we will listen*

hand out from mouth – hands on chest

*God gave detailed instructions
how people are to live their lives*

fingertips point to one another

hands in prayer – fingertips together

*treat one another – offer sacrifices
build the Ark of God*

writing on palm

law written by the finger of God