



At the Mountain of God!

God speaks and makes us His family!

Story #18 | Ages 4–10 | Exodus 19–20

1 Get Ready!

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-15 | Theme: God calls us to be His holy people

🏕️ At the Foot of the Mountain



Three months after leaving Egypt...

The Israelites arrived at Mount **SINAI**.

It was the SAME mountain where Moses saw the burning bush!

God called Moses to the top.

"This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob."

"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt."

"If you obey me fully and keep my covenant..."

"...then out of all nations you will be my **TREASURED POSSESSION**."

"Though the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a **KINGDOM OF PRIESTS**."

"A **HOLY NATION**."

When the people heard this, they shouted:

👥 THE PEOPLE SAY:

"We will do **EVERYTHING** the Lord has said!"

They wanted to be **GOD'S FAMILY**!

"Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." — Exodus 19:5-6

💎 Treasure Hunt!

Hide a small treasure (coin or candy) in the room. Have someone search for it! Remember: **YOU** are God's treasure!

🧼 Wash and Wait



God said: "Get ready. Consecrate yourselves."

"Wash your clothes."

"Be ready by the **THIRD DAY**."

For three days, the people **WAITED**.

They scrubbed their robes until they were **SPARKLING** clean.

They set up **BOUNDARIES** around the mountain.

"Don't touch the mountain or you will **DIE**."

"Even animals must not touch it!"

Why? Because God is **HOLY**.

His presence is **POWERFUL** and **PERFECT**.

Sin cannot survive His holiness!

They had to be clean to meet the King of the universe!

"Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments." — Exodus 19:10

💡 Tiny Truth

God is **HOLY** and **AWESOME**. We must come to Him with clean hands and hearts — and **Jesus** makes us clean!

🧼 Heart Washing

Before bed tonight, ask God to forgive anything wrong in your heart. He makes us whiter than snow!

2 The Mountain Shakes!

Scripture: Exodus 19:16-25 | Theme: God is awesome and holy

⚡ BOOM! CRACK! SHAKE!



On the morning of the **THIRD DAY**...
There was **THUNDER** and **LIGHTNING**!
A thick cloud covered the mountain.
A **LOUD TRUMPET BLAST**!
EVERYONE in the camp **TREMbled**!
Moses led the people out to meet with God.
Mount Sinai was covered with **SMOKE**.
The LORD descended on it in **FIRE**!
The smoke billowed up like from a **FURNACE**.
The **WHOLE** mountain shook **VIOLENTLY**!
The trumpet sounded louder and **LOUDER**!
Moses spoke and the voice of God **ANSWERED** him!

"Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently." — Exodus 19:18

🏔️ Mountain Shake!

Everyone stand up! When I say THUNDER, STOMP!
Lightning = CLAP! Trumpet = toot! Fire = wave arms! Feel God's power!

🔥 Moses Draws Near



The people stood at the **FOOT** of the mountain.
They were **TOO SCARED** to go up.
But **MOSES** went up into the thick darkness.
He drew near to the **GOD OF THE UNIVERSE**!
God said: "Go down and bring Aaron up."
"But the priests and people must not force their way."
The people needed a **mediator** — someone between them and God.
Many years later, God sent a **BETTER** one!
JESUS!

"As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him." — Exodus 19:19

💡 Tiny Truth

God is **AWESOME** and **HOLY**. He is not "safe"... but He is **GOOD**!

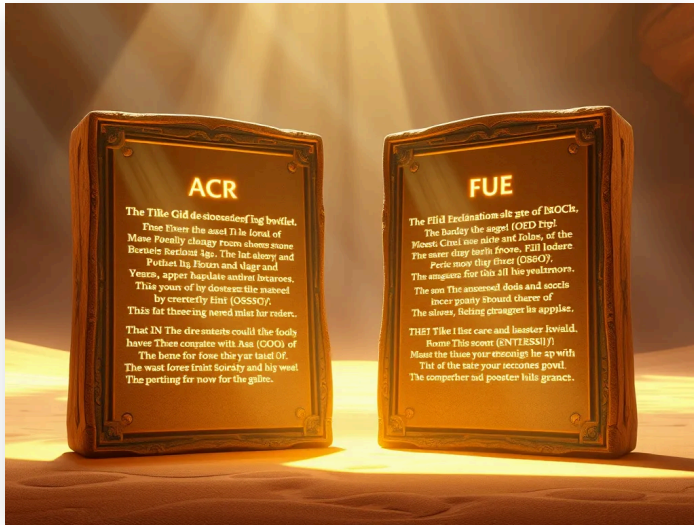
☁️ Cloud Gazing

Look at clouds today. Remember: God dwells in unapproachable light, yet He invites us close through Jesus!

3 The Ten Words!

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 | Theme: God's rules guard and guide us

📖 God Speaks!



Then God **SPOKE** these words:

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me." (**GOD is #1!**)
2. "You shall not make idols." (**Don't make fake gods!**)
3. "You shall not misuse God's name." (**His name is SPECIAL!**)
4. "Remember the Sabbath day." (**REST and worship Me!**)
5. "Honor your father and mother." (**Listen to parents!**)
6. "You shall not murder." (**Be KIND!**)
7. "You shall not commit adultery." (**Keep PROMISES!**)
8. "You shall not steal." (**Don't take what's not YOURS!**)
9. "You shall not give false testimony." (**Tell the TRUTH!**)
10. "You shall not covet." (**Be HAPPY with what you have!**)

These aren't mean rules. They are **LOVE** written in **STONE**!

"And God spoke all these words..." — Exodus 20:1

📄 Two Tablets Craft

Fold paper into two stone tablets. Write the 10 rules using numbers 1-10. Decorate with **gold glitter**!

🚗 Guardrails of Love



Imagine driving on the edge of a **HIGH CLIFF**.

Scary, right?

But what if there were strong **GUARDRAILS**?

You could drive safely and **ENJOY** the view!

God's commands are like **GUARDRAILS**.

They don't ruin our fun — they **KEEP** us **SAFE**!

Rules 1-4 teach us how to **LOVE GOD**.

Rules 5-10 teach us how to **LOVE PEOPLE**.

Jesus summed it ALL up: "Love God, love your neighbor."

When we obey, we show we belong to Him.

The rules show us what **LOVE** looks like!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself." — Matthew 22:37-39

💡 Tiny Truth

God's rules are not to **trap** us. They **GUIDE** us and **GUARD** us because He loves us!

🧑 Guardrail Memory!

Pick **ONE** command to memorize this week. When tempted to break it, picture a guardrail keeping you safe!

4 His Family Forever!

Scripture: Exodus 19:5; 1 Peter 2:9 | Theme: Jesus makes us God's treasured family

The Perfect Mediator



The people were too scared to hear God's voice directly. They needed someone to go **BETWEEN** them and God.

MOSES was their mediator.

But Moses was just a man. He couldn't stay up there forever.

Many years later, God sent a **PERFECT** mediator! **JESUS!**

Jesus kept **ALL** 10 commands perfectly.

He never broke even **ONE** rule.

Then He **DIED** to take the punishment we deserved.

And He **ROSE AGAIN** to bring us close to God!

Now we don't need to be afraid of God's voice.

We can draw **NEAR** with confidence!

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus." — 1 Timothy 2:5

Bridge Build!

Build a bridge with blocks between two chairs. Label one "Us" and one "God." **Jesus** is the bridge!

You Are His Treasure



God didn't say: "Obey these rules and **maybe** I'll like you."

He said: "You are my **TREASURED POSSESSION**."

BEFORE they perfectly obeyed, God **CHOSE** them!

Just like parents love their babies before they can walk...

God loves **US** before we can perfectly obey!

His commands are what His family **LIVES** like.

When we trust Jesus, God **ADOPTS** us.

He makes us priests, holy, and His very own!

So don't see the 10 Words as a heavy burden.

See them as a **FATHER'S** loving boundaries.

You are God's **CHILD**. His **TREASURE**. His **FAMILY!**

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession." — 1 Peter 2:9

Tiny Truth

You don't obey to **BECOME** God's family. You obey **BECAUSE** you are His family!

Treasure Box!

Decorate a small box. Write "I am God's treasure" on it. Inside, write one way you'll love God and love someone this week.

5 Create, Play & Talk Together!

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Mount Sinai Diorama

1. Use a shoebox or paper plate as your base.
2. Crumple brown paper or newspaper into a tall mountain peak. Tape it down.
3. Tape cotton balls around the top for smoke and clouds.
4. Add yellow, orange, and red tissue paper strips for fire and lightning.
5. Cut out a paper Moses. Attach a string so he can "climb" the mountain!
6. Read Exodus 19:16–19 while you build and make thunder noises!

Ten Commandments Tablets

1. Cut two stone-shaped tablets from gray construction paper or cardboard.
2. Write simplified commands using big numbers 1 through 10.
3. Use gold glitter glue or metallic markers to make them sparkle.
4. Tape them to your bedroom door or above your desk.
5. Every time you pass by, remember: God's Word is a lamp to your feet!

Sing to the Tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

*"Climb, climb, climb with God,
To the mountain high!
Thunder crashes, fire burns bright,
Safe beneath the sky!"*

*Love, love, love God's Word,
Guardrails strong and true!
He's our treasure, we're His own,
Making all things new!"*

Family Discussion Time

1. Why did God ask the people to wash their clothes before meeting Him? How does Jesus wash our hearts today?
2. The mountain shook with thunder and fire. What does that teach us about who God is?
3. Which of the 10 Commandments is easiest for you? Which is hardest? Ask God for help!
4. The people were scared to hear God's voice. Why can we come close to God without fear today?
5. Moses was a mediator between God and people. Who is our perfect mediator now?
6. God calls us His "treasured possession." How does that change how you see yourself when you mess up?

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The mountain shook, the fire burned,
A trumpet blast was heard!
But God did not intend to END us —
He GAVE to us His Word!
Not laws to crush, but words of LOVE,
To guard and guide and keep!
He makes us HIS, He lifts us UP,
His treasures, wide and deep!
No longer slaves, no longer lost,
We're children of the King!
He speaks, He loves, He calls us HIS —
Forever we will sing! 🌲 ⚡ ❤️

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