LESSON 19

THE LAWS OF GOD



Aim: **To teach the children that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to show people everywhere how to worship and serve him.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 19:1–24; 20:1–17**

Memory Verse: **Exodus 19:5**
"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Talk about rules. The children should be able to tell you about the rules at their school. Why do we have rules? One possible answer is: to help us live together in peace and harmony.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Moses was leading a large number of people through the desert. They needed some rules to show them how to live together in peace and, most importantly, how to serve God.
2. Three months after the Israelites had left Egypt, they came near a mountain called Sinai. God spoke to Moses there and made him a promise.
   Say the memory verse.
3. God said he would reveal himself to the people, but they had to prepare themselves first (19:9–12).
4. God came to Mount Sinai. **Say in your own words what happened** (19:16–19).
5. God called Moses to the top of the mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments written on two flat stones. **Show picture 19.**
6. These are the laws God gave Moses:
   1. I am the Lord your God. You must worship only me.
   2. Do not put your trust in anything or anyone else. That is idolatry.
   3. Do not use my name without respect for who I am.
   4. Keep the seventh day holy. Set it aside for resting and for worshipping me.
   5. Honour your parents.
   6. Do not commit murder.
   7. Do not commit adultery.
   8. Do not steal.
   9. Do not lie.
   10. Do not envy what other people have.

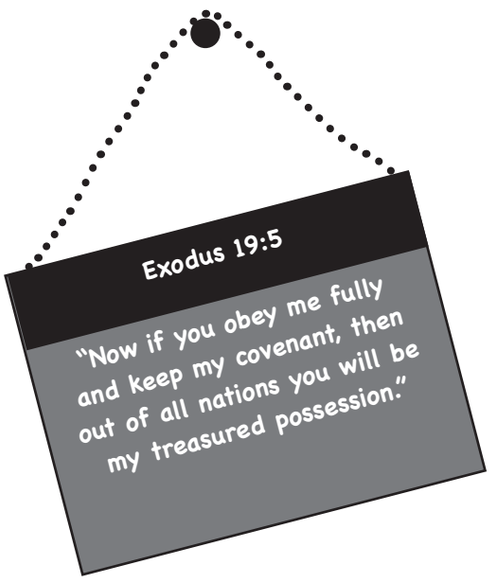
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Our Response to the Story

Choose one or two of these commands and explain what they mean. This could be done by means of simple little plays that should involve two or three children. Practice beforehand! Commandments 5, 8, 9 and 10 could be demonstrated easily in this way. Now you see: although God gave these commandments to the Israelites a long time ago, they still tell us how to serve God and the people around us.

Instil the Memory Verse



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