

Adventures with GOD!

GOD SPOKE THROUGH MOSES (A.3.SPRING.6)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 19
Key Verse	Exodus 19:8
Key Concept	We will follow the Lord's commands.
Educational Objectives	At the end of this lesson, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss how we can obey God. 2. Explain how much God loves us. 3. Repeat the memory verse.

Life Application

God loved humankind since before the creation of the world. God loves us so much and wants us to be happy. God commanded Israel to obey the words spoken to Moses in the mountains. Today, God still uses servants, women and men with divine wisdom, to help us interpret the Bible. Children will learn to hear the message of God. There are great promises written in the Bible for those who choose to obey and follow the way of God.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure w/God materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Bible Exploration		10 minutes
Craft	See attached	10 minutes
Activity		5 minutes
Game		5 minutes
Snack		5 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter, take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets, and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials at CovChurch.org/children/adventures-with-god.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle, and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Bible Reading: Explain that we read the Bible first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched, palms up, to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the Key Verse twice and ask children to respond.

Question Examples: What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the story?

Bible Exploration: Read the story ahead of time so you are prepared to tell the story with emotion. Gather pictures that relate to this story. Ask children if they have ever had the opportunity to climb a tall mountain. Encourage children to share their experiences and places. Did they enjoy climbing the mountain? Then say, "Well, today we will accompany Moses on climb to the mountain." Begin telling this wonderful story, and open the Bible and show where the story is written. Tell the story using simple vocabulary so children can easily understand. God called Moses to the mountain and told him to announce the power of God to Israel. When Moses told this to the elders and the people they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." It's important to emphasize the obedience demonstrated in the story. Once we are

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completely obedient to God, we understand that there is no greater blessing than to obey God at all times.

Craft: Use egg cartons to work on the craft that represents the 10 Commandments. Glue pieces of cardboard over the hollow parts so children can paste pieces of paper with the 10 Commandments written on them. If there is extra time, children can make "cards" out of cardboard and decorate with magazine clippings of flowers, gifts, toys, etc. Encourage children to give a card to a friend as a token of their friendship. While working on the craft have children repeat the Key Verse. Explain what "caring" means.

Activity: Give each child a piece of paper and pencils (some children may know how to write numbers). Ask them to write the Ten Commandments from 1 to 10. The importance of this activity is to discuss and learn about each Commandment.

Game: This game is known as "Follow the Leader". If leader raises her/his right hand (all children should raise right hand). If the leader jumps on one foot, everyone should follow. After having played for a few minutes, highlight the importance of following the instructions of the leader. If we do not obey, we do things wrong. This is a great activity to get children up and moving. They will have lots of fun!

Snack: After the game, they will probably be a little tired. Share a healthy snack and fruit juice or water. Ask children to serve one another. Pray by thanking God for friends.

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G=God's Word: What is the story? (Give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story).

R=Relationships: Is there anything in today's bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others. Give children a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead).

O=Outward Action: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week).

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W=Worship: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle, explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, the candle reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

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Moses

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Moses at the mountain

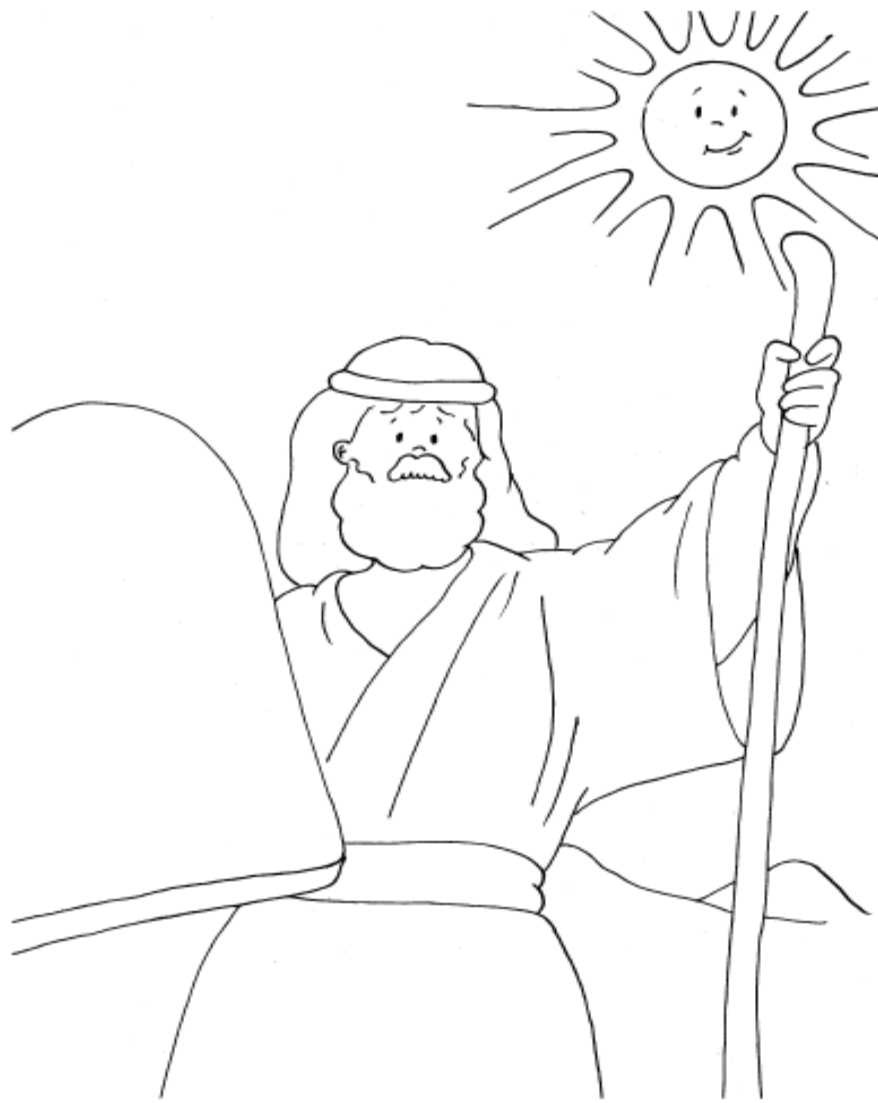
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Moses and the Ten Commandments

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Craft - Commandments

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Paste cardboard over the hollow parts. In the open carton, on one side of carton stick five Commandments and on the other side stick the other five Commandments. On the smooth outside stick a piece of paper with the title Old Testament words written.

