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GOD GIVES HIS LAW AND COVENANT TO ISRAEL

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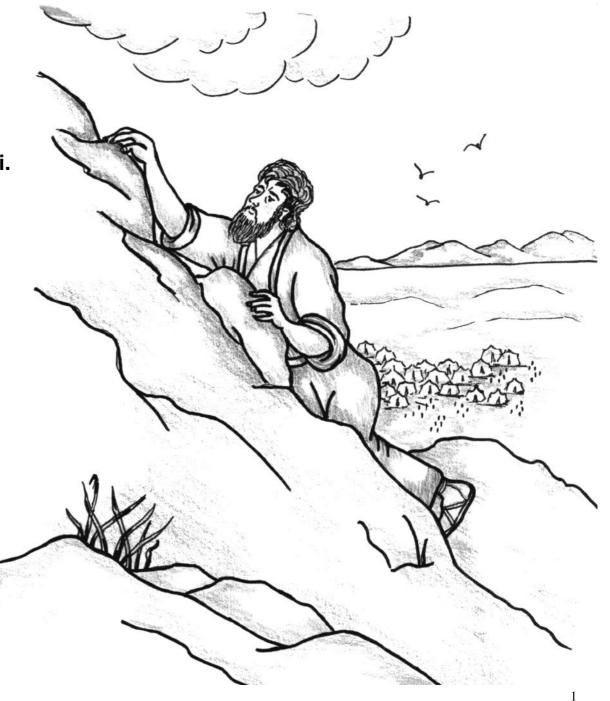
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EXODUS 19:1 - 20:26; 24:3-11 Exodus 21:1 - 23:33; Psalm 119:97-106 GOD GIVES HIS LAW AND COVENANT TO ISRAEL File no. 30

Three months after leaving Egypt, God brought His people to Mount Sinai. Here they camped and Moses climbed the mountain to meet God.

God said to Moses,
'Tell My people, Israel:
You saw what I did to the Egyptians.
I rescued you from their country
and brought you here to Myself.
If you obey Me
and do all that I say
you will be My beloved people.
The whole earth belongs to Me
and you will be a priest nation for Me.'

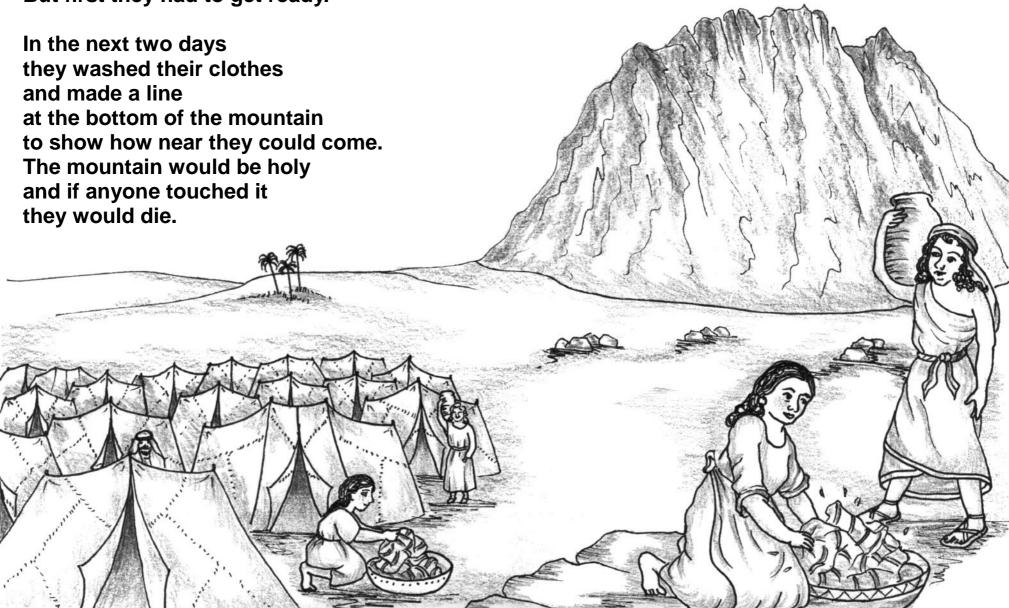


Moses came down from the mountain and told the people what God said.

The people replied, 'We will do all that God says.'



Then God wanted to speak to His people.
But first they had to get ready.



Early on the third morning, the thunder roared and lightning flashed. A thick cloud covered the mountain and a blast from a trumpet sounded. Everyone was afraid. Even so, Moses led the people out of the camp and brought them to the bottom of the mountain to meet God.

God came down on the mountain.
The mountain shook,
smoked
and looked like it was on fire.
The sounds of the trumpet grew louder.
When Moses spoke to God,
God answered in thunder.



Then God spoke to everyone saying, 'I am the Lord your God.
I brought you out of Egypt and freed you from slavery.
You are not to have any other gods but Me.

Do not make any idols or worship them. Do not use the name of the Lord your God

in a way that is not true or right.

Keep the Sabbath day holy.

Six days you can work and the seventh day is for God. God made it holy.

Honour your father and mother and you will live a long time in the land.

Do not murder.

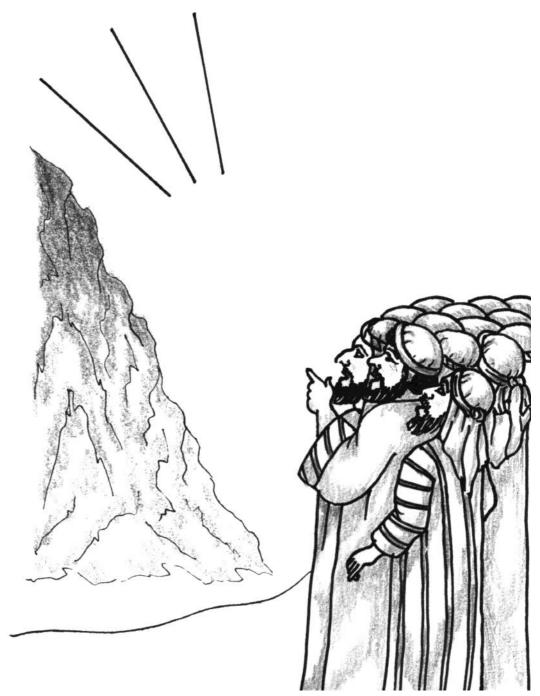
Do not take another person's wife or husband.

Do not steal.

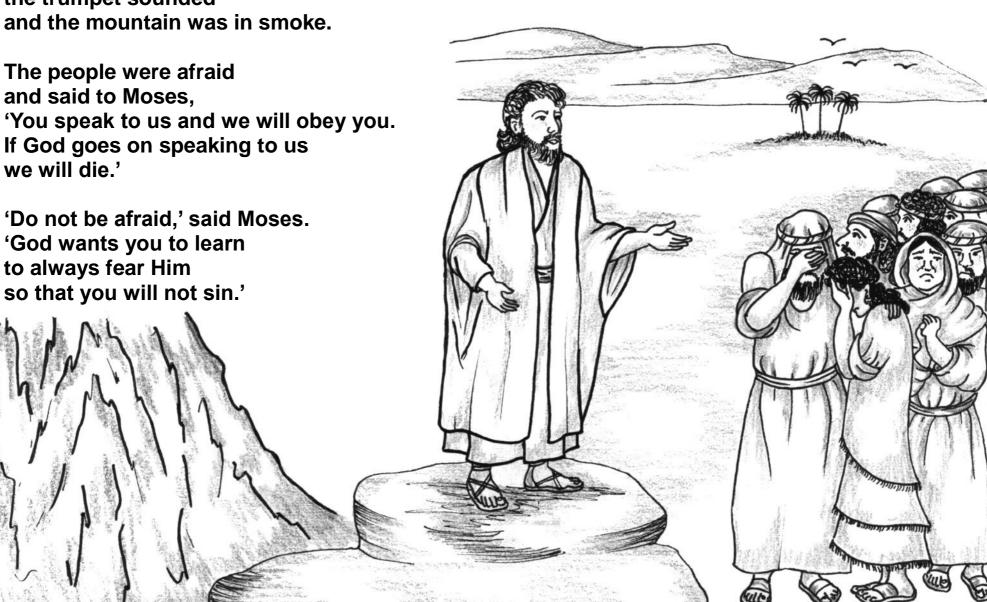
Do not tell lies about anyone.

Do not long for things that belong to others.'

God spoke these Ten Commandments to His people so they would fear Him and not sin.



The thunder continued to rumble, the lightning flashed, the trumpet sounded and the mountain was in smoke.



Moses built an altar and made a sacrifice to the Lord. He read God's law to the people, sprinkled the blood from the sacrifice on the people and said, 'The Lord is making a covenant with you today –

