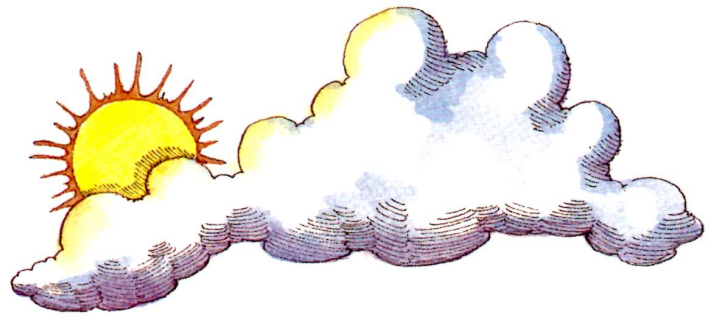


Moses on the Mountain



Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt and they camped by the Sea of Reeds. Meanwhile, Pharaoh said, "Let us bring the slaves back." So all the chariots of the army of Egypt chased after the Israelites. When the Israelites saw the Egyptian soldiers, they said to Moses, "Have you brought us to the wilderness to be killed?"

Moses said, "Have faith in God." He stretched his hand over the sea, and the sea split in two! The Children of Israel passed through the sea on dry ground, while the waters of the sea stood like high walls on their right and on their left.

"Follow them," Pharaoh ordered, and his soldiers drove their chariots where the Israelites had walked. But the ground turned to mud, and the wheels of the chariots stuck so that the horses could not pull them. The walls of water came crashing down on the army of Egypt, drowning the men and the horses, swallowing the chariots, and destroying the army of Egypt. And the Israelites danced and sang a song of victory to God.



Three moons passed and the people made camp at the foot of the mountain called Sinai. God said to Moses, "Come up the mountain. I will give you the laws so that you may teach them to the people."

Moses was gone a long time. The people complained to his brother Aaron. "Moses has died and left us," they said. "His God will not protect us any longer." They forced Aaron to make them a god. They brought jewelry and ornaments and Aaron formed the gold into a calf. The people made a great feast to worship their new god.

God told Moses, "Hurry down! Your people are doing evil."



Moses came down the mountain, and he was carrying two tablets of stone. The laws of God were written on the tablets. But when Moses saw the people worshipping the golden calf, he grew angry. He raised the tablets high above his head and threw them to the ground, shattering them into bits and pieces. He burned the golden calf in a fire and ground what was left into powder.

God said, "Cut two tablets like the first, and I will write the laws upon them as before." So Moses made two more tablets. He rose early the next morning and climbed the mountain once again. He stayed forty days and forty nights upon the mountain, and when he returned, his face glowed with light.

Moses called Aaron and all the Children of Israel near, and he gave them the commandments that God had spoken on Mount Sinai:

I am the One God—your God—who brought you out of Egypt.

You shall have no other gods. You shall make no statue or picture to worship.

You shall not speak falsely in God's name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not be false to your wife or husband.

You shall not steal.

You shall not lie about your neighbors.

You shall not want the things that belong to your neighbor.

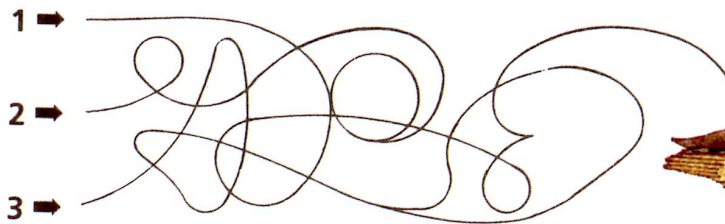
And the Children of Israel promised to be faithful to God forever. They said, "All these things we will do and we will remember."

Just By Looking

Help the Children of Israel cross the sea.

Can you tell which path will take Moses and the Israelites across on dry land? Choose one, then trace it with your finger to see if you are correct.

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STORY 11



Word
Find

God gave us commandments.

Make 10 new words using the letters in the word

COMMANDMENTS

C the Story

Finish the story by adding the missing letter **C**

Moses led the __hildren of Israel out of Egypt.

The Egyptian soldiers __hased after them.

The __hildren of Israel __rossed the sea on dry ground.

But the wheels of the Egyptian __hariots got stu_k in the mud.

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While Moses was gone, the people prayed to a golden __alf.

But Moses brought them God's __ommandments.

The __hildren of Israel promised to be faithful to God forever.

**Let's Talk
About It**

The Fifth Commandment says:

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Can you think of ways you can honor your parents?

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A BIG QUESTION Why do people need rules?

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