

God Is the One True God

God made a covenant with the Israelites in Exodus 19:1-20:11. The Ten Commandments showed the Israelites who God is and how He expected them, as His special people, to live. We learned the first four commandments today, and how they show us how to love God. The Ten Commandments aren't a list of rules that we have to follow perfectly in order to be Christians; we could never follow them on our own. These commandments point us toward a relationship with God and His Holy Spirit, Who will help us and always show us God's ways.

Talk about these questions at home:

- Why do you think God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments?
- What did you learn about God from this story?



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In Southeast Kids today, we learned the last six commandments, which teach us how to love others (Exodus 20:12-21). After Moses received the Ten Commandments on stone tablets from God, he came down the mountain and saw a terrible sight (Exodus 32:1-15). Moses's brother Aaron made a golden calf for the Israelites to worship—breaking the first and second commandments. God was angry, but He showed grace to the Israelites.

Talk about these questions at home:

- How do the last six of the Ten Commandments help us love others?
- How can you tell if something has become more important to you than God?

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God Is With Us

As the Israelites continued to wander in the wilderness, Moses sent twelve men to check out the Promised Land, Canaan (Numbers 13:1-14:10). Ten of the men returned afraid of the strength of the Canaanites, and they didn't think Israel could overtake the land. But the other two men, Joshua and Caleb, believed they could take Canaan because they believed that God was with them. We don't have to be afraid of what happens in our lives because we know that God's Holy Spirit is with us!

Talk about these questions at home:

- What is something the Holy Spirit has helped you do or get through?
- How can you remember that God is with you, even when you are afraid?



God Is Merciful

In Numbers 21:1-9, the Israelites were still complaining to Moses, so God sent poisonous snakes among them. After the Israelites realized God's power, they repented. The Lord told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole for the Israelites to look at and be saved. We learned how Jesus later references this story in John 3:14-15, and how the bronze snake in the wilderness points to the healing we receive when we look to Jesus on the cross.

Talk about these questions at home:

- What does this story teach us about God's mercy (not getting the punishment we deserve)?
- For older kids: What questions do you have about following Jesus with your whole life and getting baptized?

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God is powerful

On their journey to the Promised Land, the Israelites reached the Jordan River, and they needed to get across. After talking to God, Joshua told the Israelites to carry the Ark of the Covenant, a symbol of God's presence with them, into the middle of the Jordan, and the water would stop flowing. All the Israelites crossed on dry ground, and they picked up 12 rocks from the Jordan to remember what God did there.

Talk about these questions at home:

- Why is it important to remember what God has done for us?
- What did you learn about God from this story?