



The Giving of the Law

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After Moses grew up, he led the people of Israel out of Egypt. They came to a mountain called Mount Sinai.

Moses climbed the high mountain. There he talked with God. The people waited for Moses at the bottom of the mountain. God told Moses, "I love the people of Israel. I want them always to be My people."

Moses went back down the mountain. He told the people, "God loves us. He has something important to give us. So get ready to worship

God in three days."

Lightning flashed above the people. Smoke and fire covered the mountain. The ground shook. God began to speak. He gave the people His rules, or laws—the Ten Commandments.

God wrote the Ten Commandments on two flat pieces of stone. He gave them to Moses. Moses taught the commandments to the people. The commandments told the people to love God and to love one another.

God's Law is good.



Parents: Cut out the shape of two stone tablets. Have your child write the numbers for the Ten Commandments on the tablets. Overlay and staple the two tablets together so they form a heart shape. Explain that the commandments remind us that God loves us and wants us to live in peace. But God also knows we disobey. So He sent Jesus. He asks us to repent—to be sorry we sin, to receive His forgiveness, and to live a changed life through Him.

