

The Ten Commandments
Exodus 19 & 20
LEVEL 1 - LETTERS THAT ARE PICTURES

MATERIALS NEEDED

Crayons

LETTERS THAT ARE PICTURES

Let us talk about the Hebrew letters in the Lords name:

"I am the **Lord your God**" is the way the Ten Commandments begin.

When we say **LORD** in Hebrew, it sounds like **YEHOWAH**.

It is a word made up of four letters. Two of the letters are the same. (Notice that Hebrew reads from right to left.)

Do you know that those letters are really pictures?



The first one (called a yodh) is really a picture of a **hand**. When we see it, we are to think of hands.

The letter that appears twice is really a picture of a **window** in a house. The sound (like an English H) is of wind blowing. That letter appears twice in the Lord's name because it has the idea of the breath of life.

The one other letter is a picture of a **nail** or hook for joining things together. The Hebrew word for "and" is just this letter by itself, because the word "and" joins things together.

And so the letters have:

a hand - showing the Lord's care and power

a window - showing the life breathing in from the Lord

a nail - meaning a joining together

On the next page you will see the Lord's name in Hebrew.
Can you find the hand, the two windows, and the nail in the Lord's name?
Would you like to keep it just like it is, or color it?

