

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 2 – Lesson 8
The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

Theme: Moses as a Hero

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. In the coming to Sinai we find the fulfillment of the Lord's saying to Moses at the bush: "You shall serve God upon this mountain", and also of the saying to Pharaoh that they must worship God in the wilderness.
- B. The blessings of Canaan lay beyond the children of Israel as the blessings of heaven lay beyond for us. But the essential thing is to choose to obey and worship the Lord; the rest will follow.
- C. The Commandments are the laws of life for all people and angels. Following the Ten Commandments opens the way to all earthly and heavenly delight. (AC 8862, 8902)

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. For a few weeks we have been learning about Moses and the children of Israel. They escaped from slavery in Egypt and the Lord led them to Mount Sinai.
 - 2. Do you remember how the Lord led them? A pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day.
 - 3. Mount Sinai was a stern looking mountain. It was bare and rocky, and rose straight up in the air out of the ground.
 - 4. The Lord wanted the children of Israel to be amazed by the cliffs and Mount Sinai, because He wanted to teach them from this mountain, and He wanted them to pay attention.
 - 5. The Lord wanted the children of Israel to know about Him and He wanted them to worship Him. So He led them to Mount Sinai to give them the rules that they would follow. These rules are called the Ten Commandments.
 - 6. Moses went up to the top of the mountain, and there the Lord wrote the Ten Commandments on two tablets of stone. And this is what the Lord wrote:
- B. Tell/Read the Story
 - 1. Exodus 20:1-17
- C. Ideas to discuss
 - 1. Where did the Lord lead the children of Israel? (Mount Sinai)
 - 2. Who went to the top of the mountain? (Moses)
 - 3. Who wrote the Ten Commandments? (The Lord)
 - 4. Where did the Lord write the Commandments? (On two tables or tablets of stone)

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D. Further Ideas

1. The children of Israel called the Lord "Jehovah"
2. Are the Ten Commandments just for the children of Israel or for everybody? (Everybody)
3. Does following the Ten Commandments make us happy or sad? (Happy)
4. Whenever the children of Israel followed the Lord and His Commandments, they were happy and safe from enemies. But when they forgot to obey Jehovah they had difficult times and were unhappy.
5. The children of Israel wanted to learn the Lord's Commandments and wanted to do what He said to do. That's why they said "All that the Lord has spoken, we will hear and do." Let's see if we can say this too.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Project

1. Choosing the Lord's way:
 - a. Materials - construction paper, scissors, glue, paper fasteners, text slips.
Before class cut out pieces and make text slips
 - b. In class: glue black piece to white piece along dotted lines, fasten black/white piece to colored piece (colored piece on top) with paper fastener through dot. Child can make either angel self or man self appear through opening.
 - c. Text slip: "All that the Lord has spoken, we will hear and do."
2. Mount Sinai Diorama
 - a. Materials: shoe boxes, dirt or sand, clay or play dough
 - b. Children can build Mount Sinai in the box. It was in the desert, so it doesn't need any plants, though they may decorate if they want to. Then they can make a Moses and tables of stone out of clay or play dough.

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Felt board
- B. Picture of Moses at Mount Sinai