

Lesson 10

God Visits Mount Sinai

Theme: Obedience—God as our Lord

Sunday Morning Lesson

Pre-Class Activity

Bible Facts: High Five for Bible Facts

Memory Verse: Use the text on pages 63-64 to copy the Memory Verse on paper, one for each student. Cut apart the words of each verse and put the pieces in a Ziploc® bag. Give each student a bag of words to put together correctly at his or her desk. Briefly talk about the meaning of the verse and how it relates to the quarter's study. Return the word pieces to the Ziploc® bags.

Prayer

Teaching Today's Lesson

1. For non-reading students, read Exodus 19:18-20. Have reading students find and mark Exodus 19:18 in the classroom Bibles.
2. Ask students to bring the Bibles and move to the Bible story area.
3. Establish the setting of the lesson by asking a student to point to the place on the time line when today's events took place.
4. Further establish the setting by asking a student to show Mt. Sinai's location on a map.
5. Introduce Lesson Graphics using "Gimme A Hand" Suitcase or "Hands-Up/Hang-It-Up."
6. Tell the story and teach the lesson emphasizing the following scenes and points, tailored to your age group:
 - As the people moved through the Wilderness, they came to Mount Sinai. Here God reminded them that they were to be His holy people. God said He would give them a law to guide their lives.
 - God explained that He would come down on the mountain. He told the people to prepare themselves for God to come near, but they must not go on the mountain.
 - God came down on the mountain to give the law to Moses and spoke so all the people could hear.
7. Talk about why the Israelites had to be clean before they were ready to be near God. Pass



out a wet wipe to each student. Tell them they must wash and be clean before you can continue with the lesson.

8. Retell the story of Moses and the people coming to the mountain, but include mistakes. Let the students correct you by raising their hands or standing up when they hear a mistake.
9. Read Exodus 19:18-20. Talk about how powerful God is. He wanted Israel to know that He was in charge of His people. We need to understand God's power too. We need to love Him and keep His commandments.

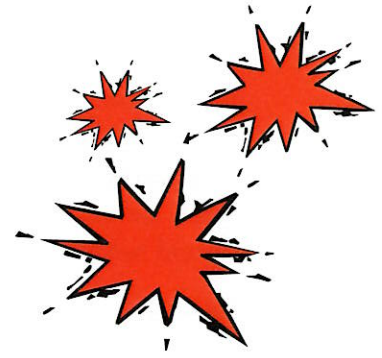
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Wednesday Night Lesson

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Starter

Imagine you are a baby eagle. The time has come for you to get out of the nest and learn to fly. This is exciting and scary at the same time. Your mother puts you on her back and soars out of the nest. You fly high and see the trees, grass, and water below. This is great! You feel sorry for all those chickens and ducks below who can't fly so high. All of a sudden, your mother darts from beneath you and leaves you stranded in mid-air. You are terrified. You flap your wings as hard as you can, but they won't hold you up. You look at the ground again, and it is getting closer and closer by the second. You close your eyes and brace yourself for a big "Thud." You are struggling to stay in the air, but it isn't working. Just when you think you're about to crash into the ground, your mother stretches her wing under you and carries you back up, up, up into the sky. Whew! That was close. But this is how eagles learn to fly.

God said that in making Israel His people and taking care of them that He carried them like an eagle carries her baby (Exodus 19:4). God used His mighty hand to deliver His people from slavery in Egypt and guide them to the Promised Land of Canaan. As an important part of helping His people, God brought them to Mount Sinai where He would give them a law to guide them.

Briefly Review the Lesson from Sunday Morning and Read Exodus 19:18-20.

Illustrations and Applications

1. *Objective: Define fearing God and apply this to our worship*

Read Exodus 19:16-20 out loud to the class. Ask the students to imagine they are at the foot of Mount Sinai the day God came down. Let them talk about how it felt, what they saw, and what they would think when God came down on the mountain. Lead them to think about how they would behave in this situation. Help them apply this to how we should behave when we come before God in worship.

- ☀ 2. *Objective: Illustrate that law is an expression of love; be sure to show how God introduced Himself to His people before He gave them the ten commandments*

Bring an object to class that looks valuable. To make it appear even more valuable, you may have it wrapped and then carefully unwrap it. Tell the students to pretend this is one of the most valuable things in the world. Hand the object to a student to look at and admire. As soon as the student takes the object, reprimand him or her for something s/he is doing wrong. "You are holding it in the wrong hand." Have them stand in the corner for doing this. Hand it to the next student and repeat the process, reprimanding them for something else — not looking at it or not sitting up straight. Discuss how it is not fair to punish people without first explaining the right way to handle the object. God lovingly gave His law to guide His people.

3. *Objective: Illustrate that law is for our good, not just to make things hard on us*

Using the valuable object in activity 2 above, have the students make up rules about how everyone needs to treat the object. Also, have them decide the punishment for not following the rules. Talk about how the rules are made to show respect to the valuable object. Make the application to our valuable relationship with God. God's law for His people was not to make things hard for them, but for their good. In giving the law, God was helping people live so they could enjoy His many blessings.

4. *Objective: Illustrate the awesome occasion God created for giving the law to His people*

Read aloud Exodus 19:16-20. Assign actions that occurred at Mount Sinai to students: thunder, lightning, thick cloud, trumpet sound, fire, smoke, earthquake. Have each student perform their action individually. Have students perform their actions together. Discuss what an awesome and frightening occasion it was when God came down on the mountain to give a law to His people.

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