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accuse - to say that someone has done something wrong

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obey - to do what is asked of you by someone in charge

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worship - to express love and devotion to God

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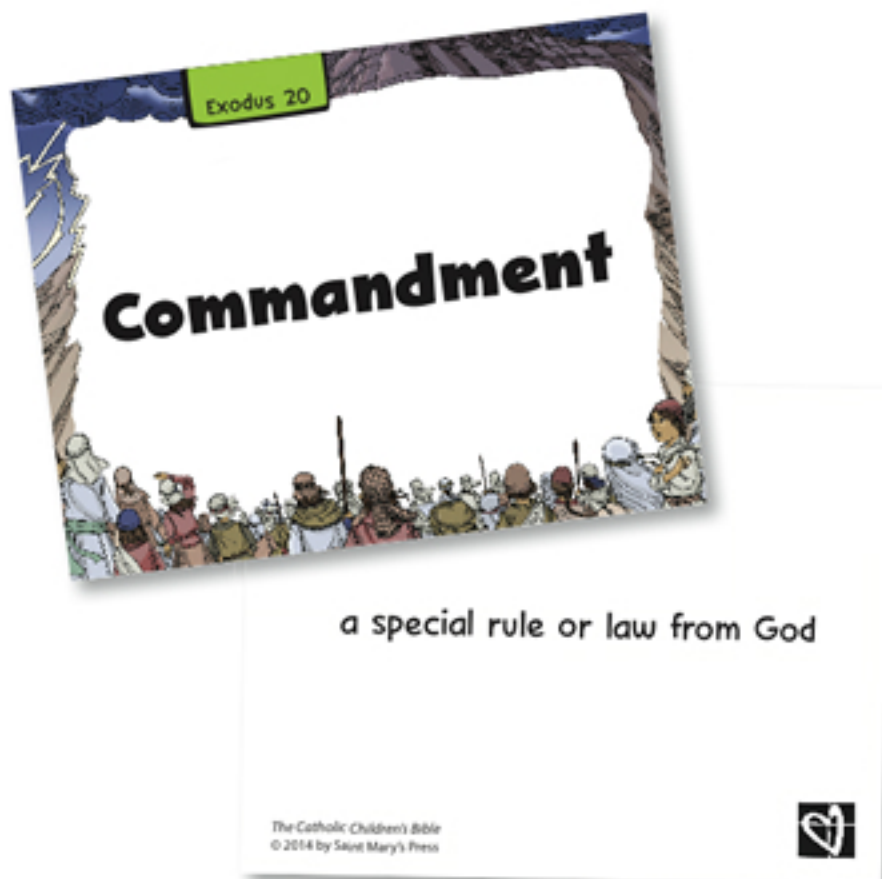
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God and Moses Communicate



Moses spoke to God.

God answered him with thunder.


God told Moses to come to the top of the mountain.

Moses **obeyed** God and went up to the top to talk with God.

God spoke to Moses when he reached the top of the cloud-covered mountain. God said, "Go down and bring your brother, Aaron, back up with you. Tell the people not to cross the **boundary** at the bottom of the mountain. I will punish them if they do." Moses obeyed God and went down to **communicate** what God had said.

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Commands on Loving God



God said, "I am your God. I brought you out of Egypt because I love you. I am your only God. I am giving you these **Ten Commandments** to keep you safe and happy."


Then God said, "**Worship** no other god but me. All other gods are false gods and cannot help you. But I will show my love to you, and to the **generations** of those who love me and obey my laws." God made us and loves us. He is to be first in our lives.

Then God said, "Do not use my name for evil purposes." We must honor God and use His name with **respect**.

The third command is to keep the Lord's Day holy. The Lord's Day is a day for worship. It is a day to spend time with God and to recall how much he loves us.

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Commands on Loving Others



There are Commandments that teach us how to love and honor others. God said, "Obey your father and your mother." We bring honor to God and our parents when we listen to them. God blesses us for doing what is right. God promised, "If you do this, you will have a safe and happy life."

God said, "Do not kill." God wants us to respect others and not hurt them with words or with actions.

Next, God said that married people should be faithful to each other.

God also said, "You are not to steal." We hurt others when we take things that do not belong to us.

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Commandment 10



God said, "You are not to lie." Always tell the truth. We honor others by being honest with them. We show respect for others when we obey this Commandment of God.

God said, "Do not **envy** someone falsely of doing wrong." We should not blame others for something they did not do. Treat others fairly.

Last, God said, "Do not always want what others have." Instead, God wants us to be happy with what he has given us.

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Guiding Comprehension Questions

Literal Questions

- What covered Mount Sinai when the trumpet blasted?
- Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?
- How does God want us to treat others?

Implied Questions

- Why did the Israelites tremble with fear when they heard the trumpet and saw a thick cloud on Mount Sinai?
- How does keeping the Lord's Day holy show God that we love him?
- Why are we promised a safe and happy life if we obey our parents?

Applied Questions

- What are some of the rules of your house?
- How does keeping the Lord's Day holy by going to Mass, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, and resting from work show God that we love him?
- What are some ways you can show your parents honor?