

Bible Story 12:

MOSES - PART 4 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, THE TABERNACLE AND HIS DEATH

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 19:1-3; 20:1-17; 40:16-38; NUMBERS 20:7-12;
DEUTERONOMY 32:48-52; 34:1-7, 10-12; MATTHEW 22:34-40

MEMORY VERSE: “JESUS RESPONDED, ‘LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT.’ “ MATTHEW 22:37-38 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

The Israelite people left Egypt and they crossed the Red Sea safely. Now they arrived and camped at the foot of Mount Sinai. The mountain was covered with a dark cloud, lightening was flashing, and the people could hear loud thunder. God was on the mountain. Moses climbed up the mountain to talk with God, but the people stayed below at the foot of the mountain. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments for His people to follow (EXODUS 20:1-17). They are:

1. Worship only God in heaven.
2. Do not make or worship idols.
3. Do not use God’s name disrespectfully.
4. Keep the Lord’s Day holy.
5. Respect your parents.
6. Do not kill.
7. Married couples should be faithful to each other.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not envy the possessions of other people.

God gave instructions for the people to build the Tabernacle, a place to worship Him. Because they traveled so much, the Tabernacle was like a tent that could be moved. Skilled men made the large tent from animal skins and wood. Inside the Tabernacle, the Ten Commandments were put inside a golden chest called the Ark of the Covenant. A fence was all around the outside of the Tabernacle. All the people brought special gifts to the Lord. When finished, a cloud covered the Tabernacle, showing God was present.

All the Israelites worshiped God in His holy place, the Tabernacle.

At the end of Moses’ life, he climbed up Mount Nebo, across from Jericho. There Moses saw in a distance the Promised Land, the land of Canaan. Moses lived 120 years.

God chose Joshua to be the new leader to the Israelite people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.