Bible Story 12:

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

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 19:1-3,16-20; 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: Matthew 22:37-38

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, lightning 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. Use God's name with respect.
- 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 two tablets of the Ten Commandments were put inside a golden chest called the Ark of the Covenant. A courtyard was 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. 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.

PART 1: Personal Questions

- 1. What did you learn from the story?
- 2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you like about the story?
- 2. What is there in the story that you do not 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?

PART 3: Specific Questions

- 1. God gave the Ten Commandments as a guide for our lives.
 - --- Who are we to worship?
 - --- What did God say about idols?
 - --- How are we to use God's name?
 - --- What is the Lord's Day? How are we to keep the Lord's Day?
 - --- How are we to treat our parents?
 - --- What did God say about killing?
 - --- How are couples to be faithful to one another?
 - --- What did God say about stealing?
 - --- What did God say about telling the truth?
 - --- What attitude should we have about possessions of other people?
- 2. Why were the people of Israel to obey the commandments of God?
- 3. Do we need to obey God's commandments today? Why?
- 4. What was the Tabernacle? Describe it.
- 5. Where do you go to worship God? Describe it.
- 6. Moses was a great leader to the Israelite people.
 - --- Tell some of the ways that he led the people.
 - --- Name some great leaders and tell what they do.
 - --- Name great leaders of God and tell what they do.