

LESSON 4

GOD GIVES THE LAW

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Sets Apart His People

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20

GOD'S BIG STORY: God brings the Israelites to Mount Sinai to make a covenant—or unbreakable promise—with them. He gives them His good commandments so the world will know they are His set-apart people.

Activity: These Rocks Rock!

Activity: Which Is Different?

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Follow My Commands

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Activity: These Rocks Rock!

SUPPLIES: rocks, markers (optional)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Today we're going to hear a story that involves some big rocks. Let's have some fun examining these rocks.

Lay out several rocks for kids to explore. Make sure they are big enough that they're not choking hazards but not too big that kids could get hurt if they drop them.

Let kids touch the rocks. Ask questions such as "Do they all feel the same?" or "Are they all the same colors?" or "Can you see any lines in the rocks?" as the kids explore the rocks. You can also set out markers and allow the kids to write or draw on the rocks.

In God's big story today, we're going to hear about some rules that were written by God on rocks!

Activity: Which Is Different?

SUPPLIES: craft sticks (several regular, plus 1 stick that is a different color), marker (optional)

Lay out several craft sticks along with one craft stick that's a different color. Or you can use a marker to color a regular craft stick as needed.

One of these sticks is not like the other! Can you find the craft stick that is a different color from the others? Allow kids a chance to try to figure out which craft stick is different. If they can't figure it out, point to the one that is different and say something like, "**This craft stick is** (color of stick)! **The other craft sticks are tan.**"

Lay out the sticks in a different order and see if the kids can find the one that is different. Play a few rounds, each time setting the different colored stick to the side.

You did a good job finding the stick that was different. We set the stick that was different apart from the other colored sticks. Today, we're going to learn how God set apart His special people.

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD SETS APART HIS PEOPLE.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

- **GOD**—Point up.
- **SETS APART**—Spread arms wide open.
- **HIS PEOPLE**—Point at self.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning how God sets apart His people.

We'll learn in God's big story how God sets apart a people and makes them special.

Play songs from the [Faithful Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, scissors (prep only), craft stick, tape or glue, rocks (2)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#), Moses Puppet

Before kids arrive, print the Moses Puppet. Cut it out and attach it to a craft stick. Hide it somewhere in the room.

Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named Moses. Encourage the kids to say, "Moses." **Moses is hiding somewhere in our room. Let's see if we can find him!** Let the kids search for the Moses Puppet. Once they find him, gather the kids back together. **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Moses!**



Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.

Let's listen to what Moses has to say to us. Use the puppet to tell the following story, making the puppet act out the story as you're telling it:

God helped me lead His people to the bottom of a mountain. I climbed up the mountain (pretend the puppet is climbing up), **and God told me He had a special plan for His people. God gave me Ten Commandments (or rules) for God's people to follow. They were rules like listening to your mom and dad and not telling lies. God even wrote them on stones!** Hold up the two rocks.

God wants us to live so that we love Him and love each other. If we keep God's rules, people will know that God's people are special and belong to Him. God sets apart His people.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, thank You for making each of us special. Thank You for loving us. Thank You for choosing us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: **May you never forget that you are part of God's chosen people who have been set apart. Never forget how special you are and how much God loves you.**

Activity: Follow My Commands

Let's play a game where you will do the action I say! If I say, "Stand up," you'll stand up. Encourage all of the kids to stand up. Continue playing using the following commands:

- Stand up.
- Sit down.
- Spin around.
- Touch your nose.
- Reach up high.
- Clap your hands.
- Touch your toes.

God gave commands to His people—but not so the people couldn't do fun things! God gave commands to show how special His people are. Remember, God sets apart His people.