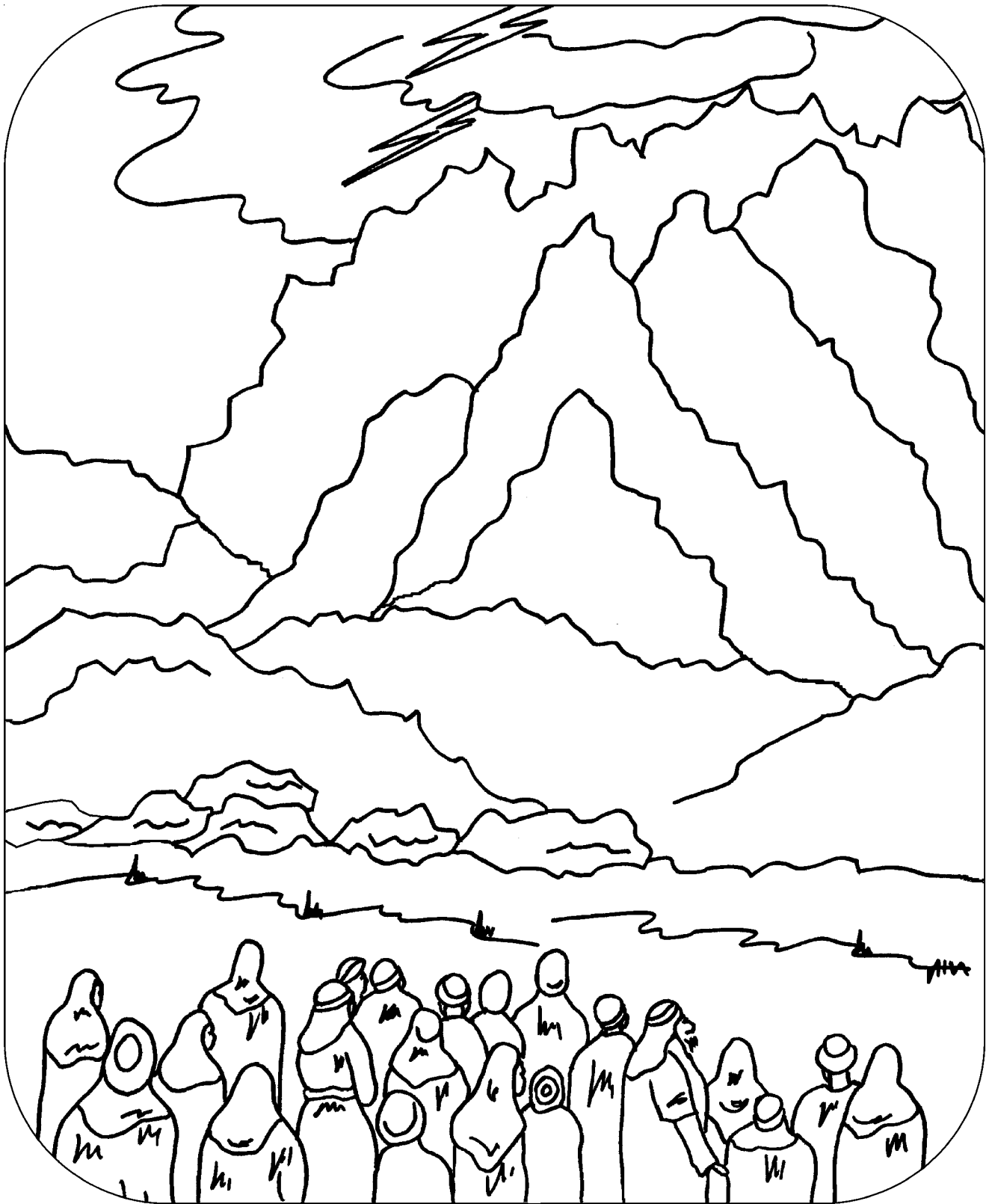


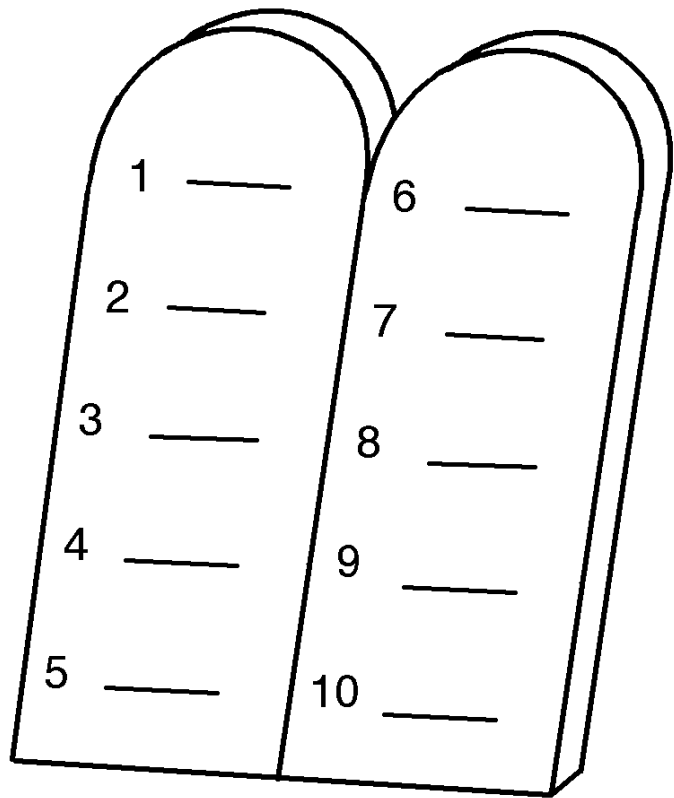
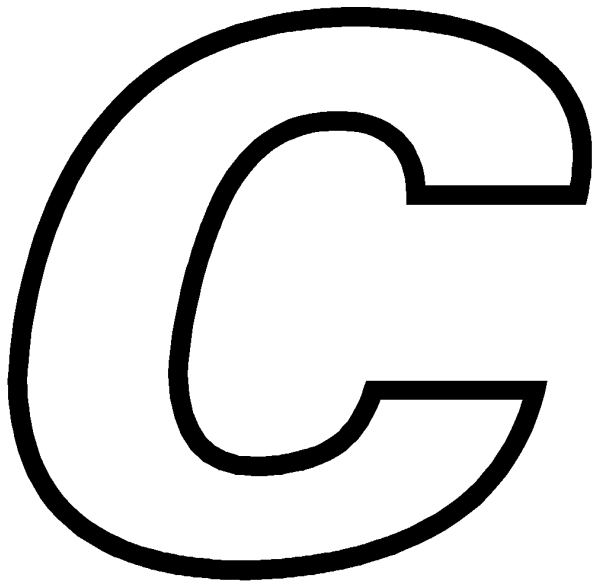
Israel Approaches Mt. Sinai



*Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt..."*

Exodus 20:1-2

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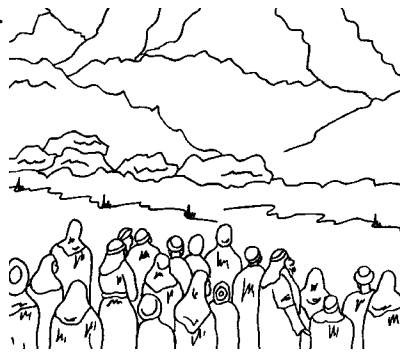
Ten
Commandments

Lesson 8: Israel Approaches Mt. Sinai

Moses named his second son Eliezer. Moses said the God of his father was his help. He had delivered him from the sword of Pharaoh. Moses had sent his wife, Zipporah, and sons, Gershom and Eliezer, away earlier. His father-in-law, **Jethro**, brought them back when the Israelites were out of Egypt.

While Jethro was visiting Moses, he saw and heard what had happened. He believed in the LORD. He made a sacrifice to God with Aaron and the elders of Israel. Then Jethro watched Moses judge the people from morning until evening. He said that Moses should teach the people God's statutes and laws. He should divide his duties among honest, able men who feared God. Moses did what Jethro said to do.

In the third month Israel entered the wilderness of Sinai. Moses went up the mountain to God. God reminded him of what He had done for them. He told him that if the people obeyed His voice and kept His covenant, they would be His possession. When Moses reported to



the people, they said they would do all the LORD said.

The LORD instructed Moses to have the people consecrate themselves. They should wash their clothing and be ready for Him to come down to them on the third day. The LORD came down to Mount Sinai in fire and smoke with the people at the foot of the mountain. He called Moses up the mountain and told him to warn the people not to come too close. Moses told the people what God said.

The LORD gave **ten laws** to the people. When the people saw and heard the thunder and lightning and the sound of the trumpet with the mountain smoking, they were **afraid**. They asked Moses to speak to God for them. Moses told the people not to be afraid. He went toward the thick cloud where God was.

God gave Moses rules for sacrifices and offerings and specific laws. God said that if the people obeyed, He would prepare the way before them. As we will see in Exodus 23, they would have the **land** from the Red sea to the sea of the Philistines and from the wilderness to the Euphrates River. They would drive the people out of the land. Moses reported to the people. The people said that they would **obey** all that the LORD said.

PASSAGE:	Exodus 18 - 20
QUESTIONS:	What did Moses do at Mt. Sinai? What did God do at Mt. Sinai? What did the people do at Mt. Sinai at first?
PRAYER:	Thank you, God, for our Bibles and for drawing us to Yourself.

ACTIVITY PAGE

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PASSAGE:	Exodus 18 - 20
VERSE:	Exodus 20:1-2 Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt..."
SONGS:	"I Obey," "God's Word," "I Have a Wonderful Treasure"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Clean House: Clean something together. SAY: God gave Moses instructions for the people to get ready to meet Him by washing and being clean in three days.</p> <p>Number Ten: Count ten items. SAY: God gave the people ten laws on tablets.</p> <p>Ten Commandments: Give the children a representative for each of the commandments. Emphasize one of them each day. SAY: God gave His laws to His people. We have laws today, too.</p> <p>Names: Jethro, Jochebed, Gersom, Eliezer. Trace and match names of the people in Moses' family. SAY: God gave Moses a family in Midian.</p> <p>Mt. Sinai: Point out where Mt. Sinai is on a rope map. SAY: God met with the children of Israel at the foot of Mt. Sinai.</p> <p>Moses Says: Play this like Simon Says. SAY: The people said they would obey God.</p>