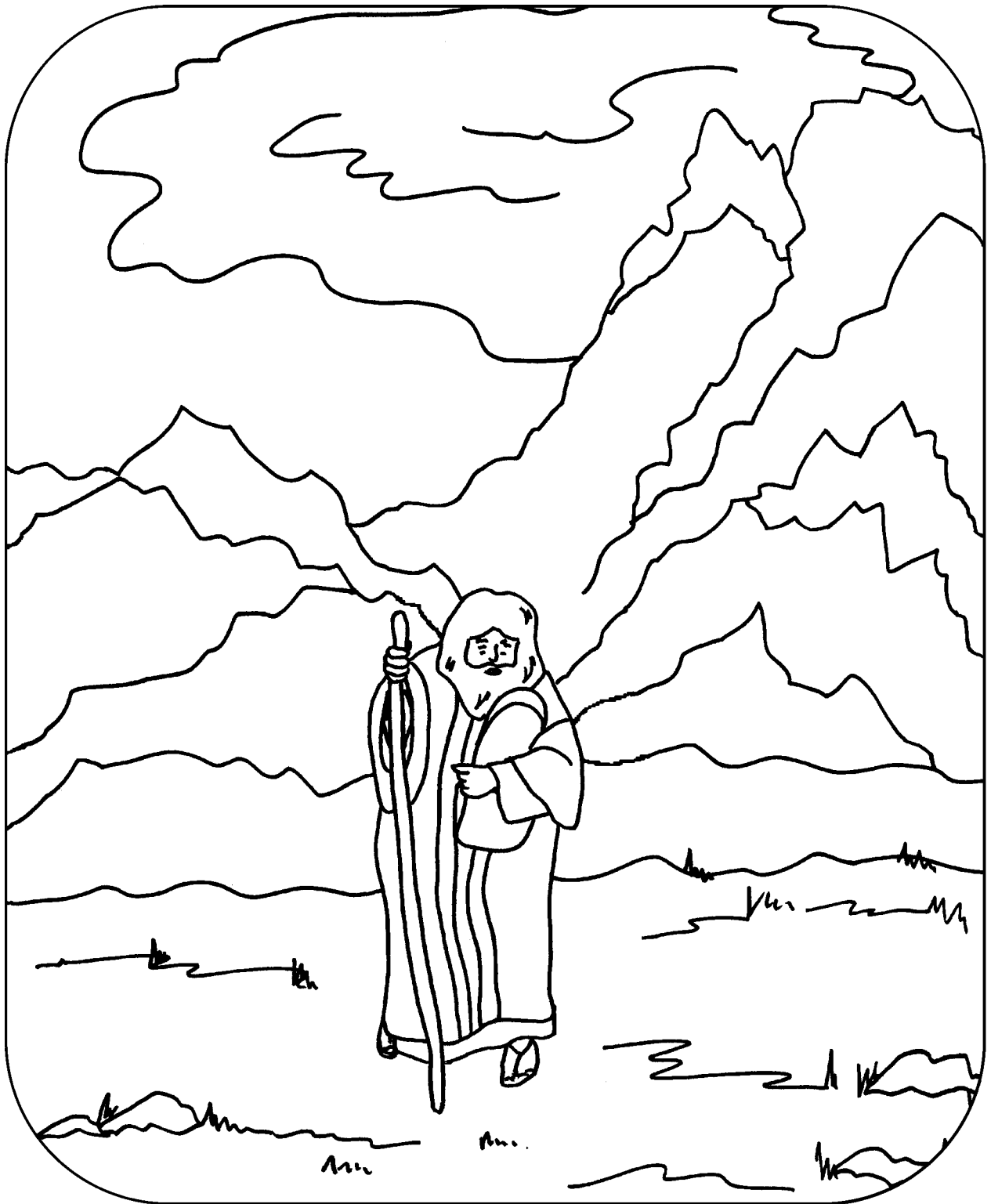


## Respect, Worship and Promises



*"But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say,  
then I will be an enemy to your enemies and  
an adversary to your adversaries."*

*Exodus 23:22*

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## Story 9: Exodus 21 - 23

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### Respect, Worship and Promises

*"Now these are the ordinances which you are to set before them." That's the way Exodus 21 begins. At Mt. Sinai the LORD God gave Moses instructions about **people** and their possessions so they would show respect for one another.*

*At that time the Israelites had been **slaves** in Egypt and God gave them laws about how masters should treat their slaves. One law said that if a man married a woman while he was a slave, he could leave after seven years and be free, but his wife and any children would stay there. If the man wanted to stay, the master could take him to God, and make a hole in the slave's ear to show that he was a slave forever.*

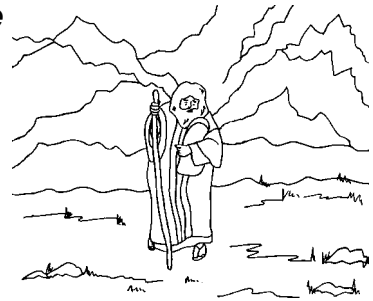
*Later, Jesus bought us forever by having holes put in His hands and feet as He died on the cross to pay for our sin. He could have gone **free**, but instead He chose to give Himself for us because of His love for us.*

*There were laws about injuries to people and the things they have. There were laws about the Sabbath. This was every seventh day and some special*

*years. There were laws about three national feasts:*

*The Passover (or Unleavened Bread), the Feast of Harvests and the Feast of*

*Ingathering. A feast is a special meal served in order to worship God.*



*The LORD God told the people to **obey** His **angel** who would protect them. The LORD's angel would prepare the way for them to enter the promised land. He would cause their enemies to be afraid of them. In fact, later in the book of Joshua, Rahab told the spies that the people had been afraid of the God of the Israelites for a long time.*

*God told them to be sure they did not worship any **other** gods because He is a jealous God. They were to turn away from the gods of their enemies because those gods would be a snare or a trap for them. That would only cause the Israelites much trouble.*

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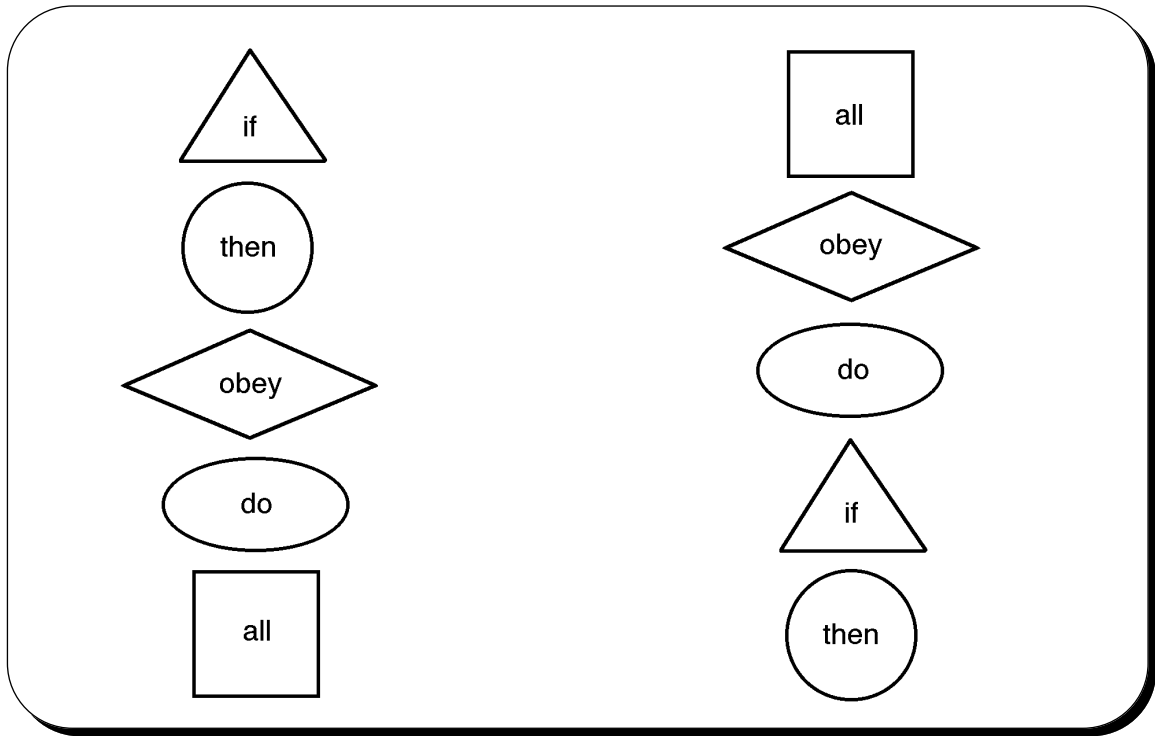
**QUESTIONS:** Who were the people instructed to worship?  
How were the people to worship?  
What is a feast?  
What would God do if the people obeyed Him only?

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## Lesson 9: Respect, Worship and Promises

**DAY 1**  **PASSAGE and ACTIVITY:** Exodus 21 - 23

1. What is your favorite way to worship God?
2. How can you spend some extra time thinking about God this week?



3. Draw lines to match the objects on the right and left below.

**DAY 2**  **BIBLE VERSE:** *Exodus 23:22* Trace and answer.

*"But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries."*

1. What words seem important to you in this verse?
2. Why do you think they are important?

### DAY 3 BIBLE ACTIVITY:

Try to match the words below to the number for the commandment.

<i>God's name</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>adultery</i>
<i>God is first</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>lying</i>
<i>holy sabbath</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>murder</i>
<i>honor parents</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>stealing</i>
<i>no idols</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>coveting</i>

God told the people to obey His commandments.

Trace the word "obey" below.

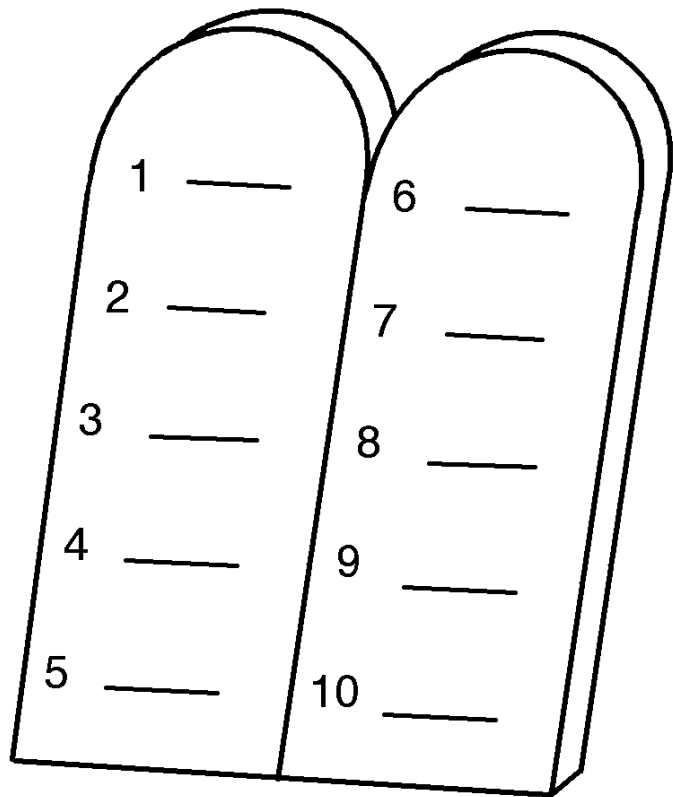
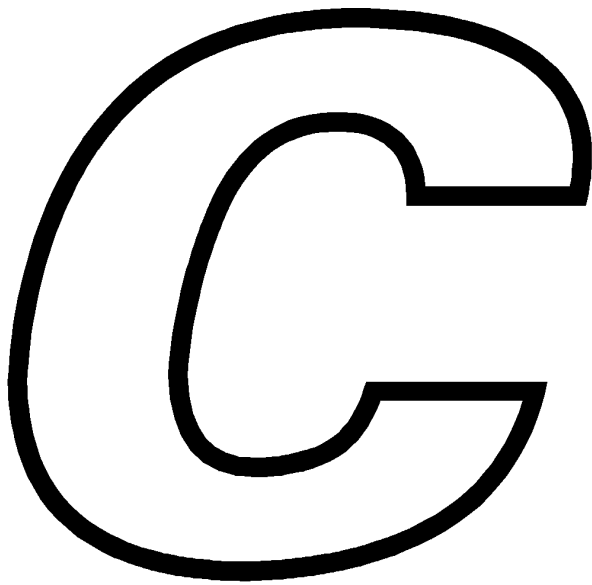
### DAY 4 SEARCH and REMEMBER: *Answer and do.*

1. There are some instructions about ways to worship God in Exodus 23:14-19. Find out something about one of the feasts mentioned.
2. For whom was God going to send an angel to be a guard and prepare the way? (Ex. 19:1; 20:1-2)
3. What were some things the angel was going to do? (Ex. 23:20, 22-31)
4. What was required of the people? (Ex. 23:13, 21, 24-25, 32-33)

### DAY 5 THINK, TALK, DO: *What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?*

1. How can you obey God this week that you do not usually do?
2. What consequence have you faced recently for disobedience?
3. What kind of feast do you like?
4. Perhaps you could help plan a feast for a celebration coming up soon.

## Israel Approaches Mt. Sinai



*Ten*  
*Commandments*

