

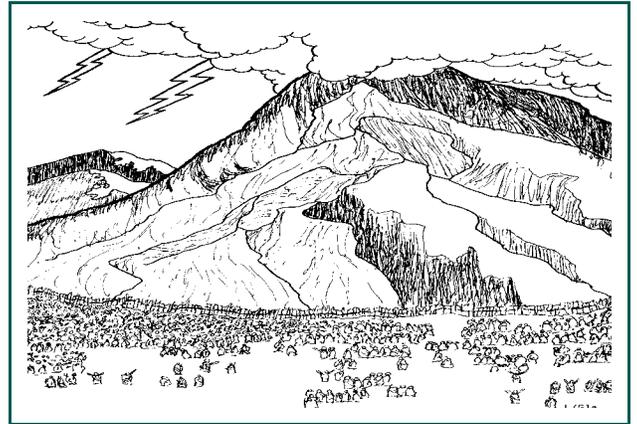
The Giving of the Law

Exodus 19:1-20:24; 24:1-18

The picture is not showing a storm found in nature. What is happening at Mt. Sinai? Let's read the account in the Bible .

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Today let me see Your Holiness reflected in Your Law. Use that Law to convict me of my own sins. Also let me today see Your Holiness reflected in the face of Jesus Christ and the glory of the Gospel. Assure me of the forgiveness of my own sins in Jesus. Amen.



The Story - Exodus 19, 20 & 24

Three months after the children of Israel had left Egypt, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai and camped near Mt. Sinai.

Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall tell the children of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now if you will obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people.'"

So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. Then all the people answered together, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. Let them be ready for the third day when I will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Tell the people, "Do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death, whether man or beast, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain."

So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

It came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were



thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was completely in smoke and the whole mountain quaked greatly, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. When the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

All the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. You shall not make anything to be gods of silver or gold.

'An altar you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings and I will bless you.'

Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD. Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel shall worship from afar. Moses alone shall

come near the LORD."

So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD.

Moses rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

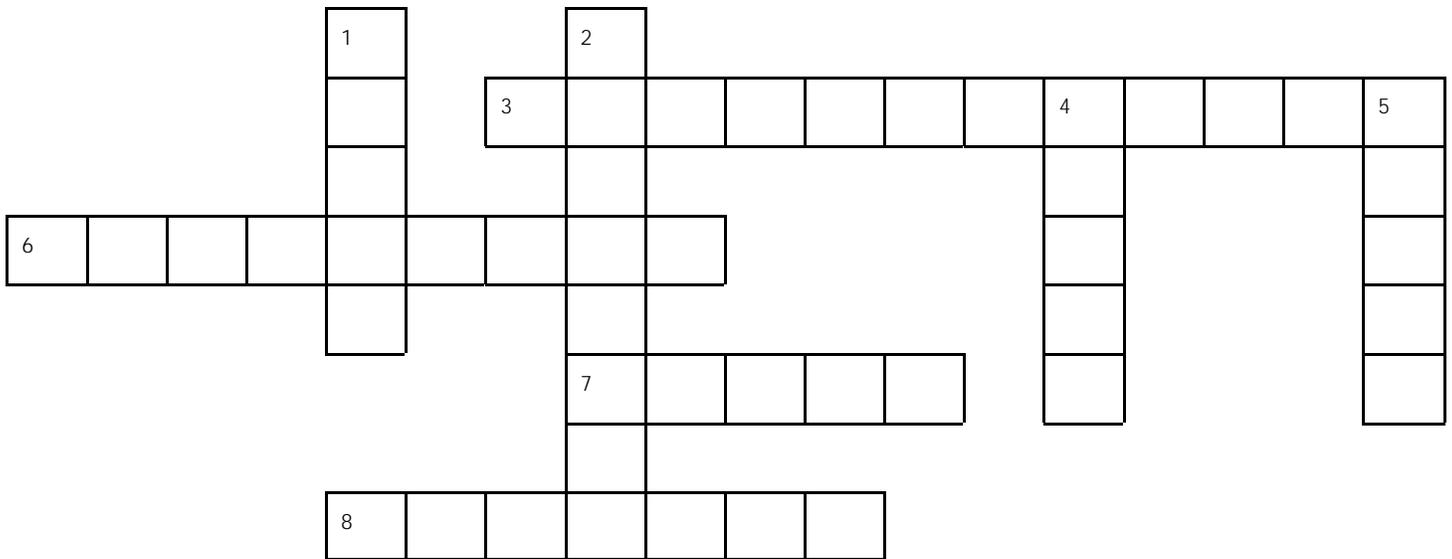
So Moses went up to the mountain of God and Joshua with him. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Outer Aim - God gave His Commandments to the Children of Israel at Mt. Sinai.

What the Story Tells Us - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle below.

MOUNTAIN	FORTY	COMMANDMENTS	AARON	SINAI
		THUNDER	MOSES	LIGHTNING



Across

3. God gave Moses the 10 _____ .
6. This flashed in the sky by Mt. Sinai.
7. Moses left ____ and Hur in charge of the people in his place.
8. This was heard by Mt. Sinai.

Down

1. Moses stayed on the mountain _____ days and nights.
2. God commanded the people not to go near or touch the _____.
4. _____ went up Mt. Sinai to meet God.
5. The name of the mountain was Mt. ____.

What God's Word Tells Us - Read through Exodus 20:1-17. Fill in the blanks of the 10 Commandments. *The Commandment wording is from Sydow Catechism 2000.*

(Exodus 20:1) And God spoke all these words, saying: {2} "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. {3} "You shall have no other gods before Me. {4} "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the

earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; {5} you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, {6} but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My

commandments.

{7} "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

{8} "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. {9} Six days you shall labor and do all your work, {10} but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. {11} For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in

them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

{12} "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

{13} "You shall not murder.

{14} "You shall not commit adultery.

{15} "You shall not steal.

{16} "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

{17} "You shall not covet your neighbor's house;

you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

1st You shall have no _____.

2nd You shall not take the _____ of the _____ your God in _____.

3rd Remember the _____ to keep it _____.

4th You shall honor your _____ and your _____ that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.

5th You shall not _____.

6th You shall not _____.

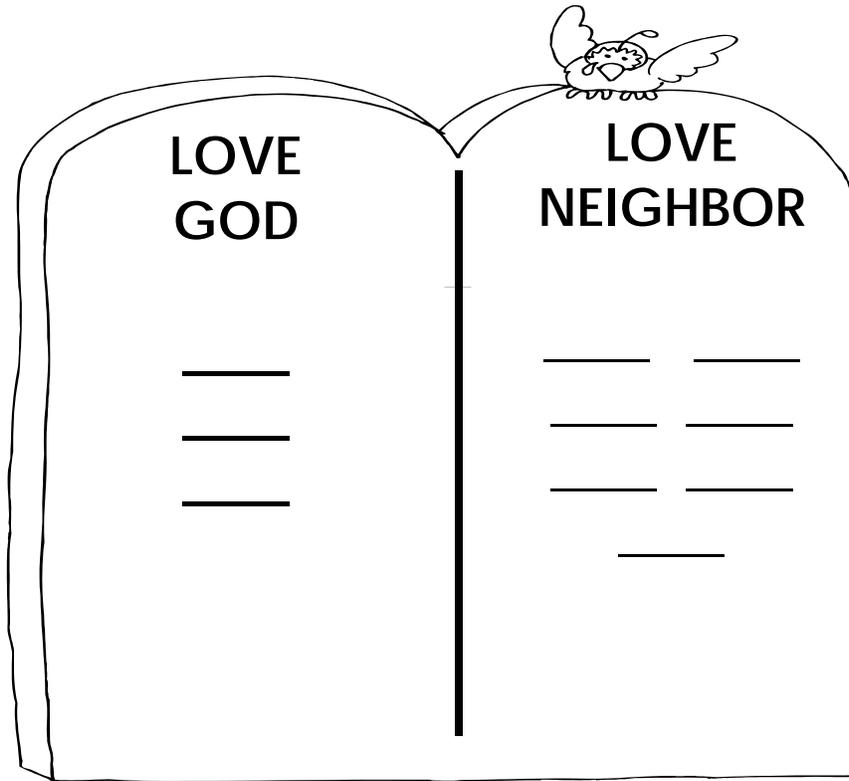
7th You shall not _____.

8th You shall not bear _____ against your _____.

9th You shall not _____ your neighbor's _____.

10th You shall not _____ your neighbor's _____, nor his workers, nor his animals, nor _____ that is your neighbor's.

Complete the table by writing the Commandment number from page 4 under the correct side of the table.



Inner Aim - The Commandments show our sinfulness and our need for a Savior.

Passages

Leviticus 19:2 - You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:22-24 For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Hymn - TLH #295 v. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And seek deliv'rance ere too late.

To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.

The Law is good; but since the Fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no power to justify.

To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Prayer

Dear God,

Your holy law reveals to us our own deep sinfulness. We are not holy and can not come to You. However, You sent Jesus to reveal to us the forgiveness of our sins. Thank You for the lesson today about Your holy Law and also Your blessed Gospel. Amen.