

The Giving of the Law

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



The Story

Fifty days after God's people had left Egypt they came to a big mountain called Mt. Sinai. They set up camp at the foot of the mountain. Moses went up the mountain to talk with God. God promised to make the Israelites His people if they would obey Him. Moses told the people what God had said and they promised to obey Him.

The people began to get ready to meet God in three days. They washed themselves and their clothes. They set up a fence around the mountain so no person or animal could touch it.

On the third day there was thunder, lightning, a thick cloud, and a loud trumpet sound. The mountain shook as Moses led the frightened people to its foot. Moses went up to the mountain and God gave the Ten Commandments to him. When Moses came back to tell the people what God had said they were afraid that they would die if God spoke to them. They told Moses to speak with God and they would listen to Moses.

Moses built an altar at the foot of the mountain and offered sacrifices to God on it. Moses sprinkled half of the blood of the offerings on the altar and half of it on the people. This was a sign of their agreement with God. The people again promised to obey all God's words.

Moses and Joshua went up the mountain so God could give Moses

the law written on two tables of stone. Aaron and Hur were left at the camp to settle any arguments among the people.

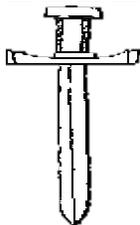
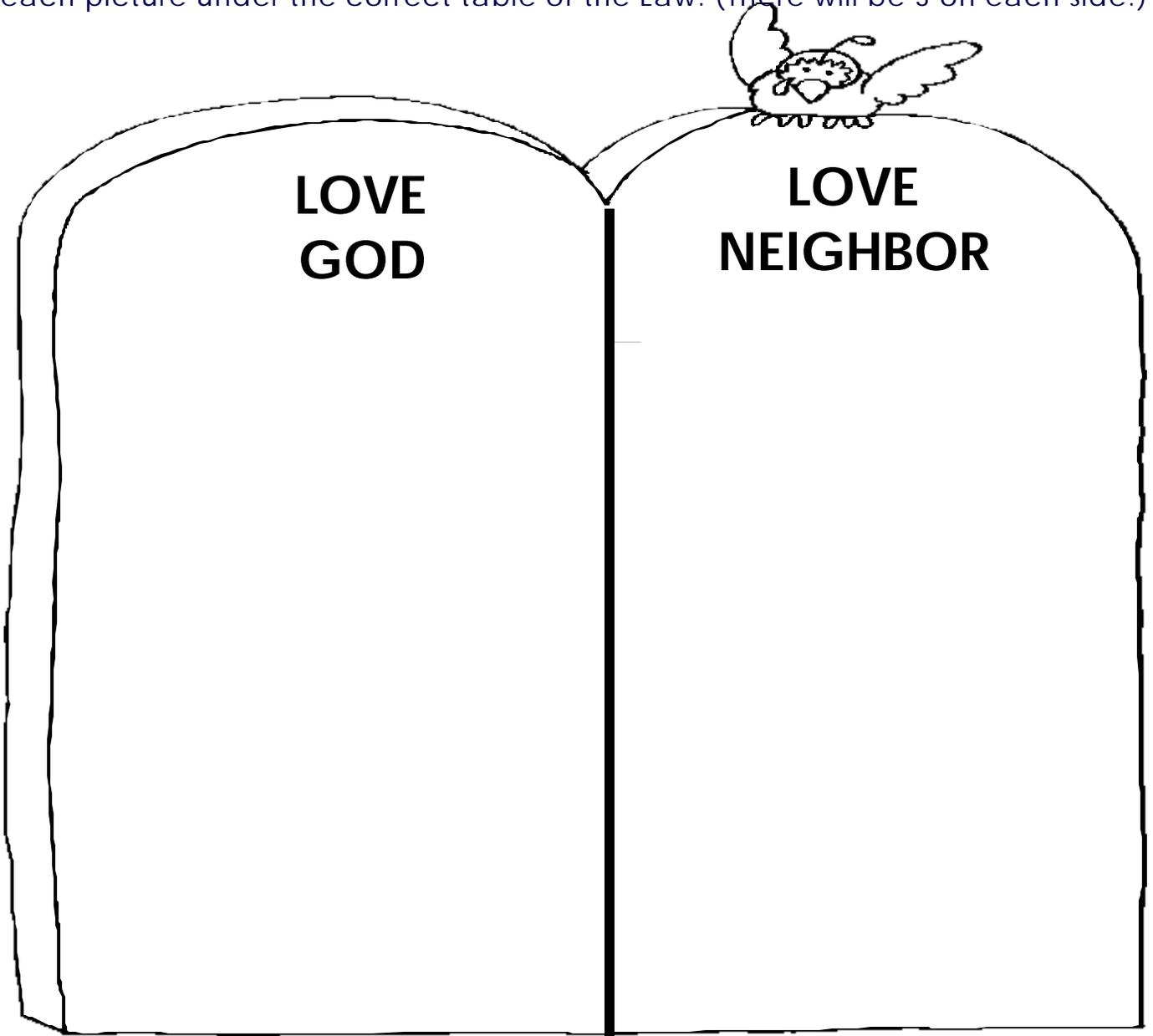
Moses went into the cloud at the top of the mountain and stayed there for forty days and nights. While he was there the mountain looked as if it had fire on top of it.

These are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses: *(Sydow Catechism © 2000)*

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
4. You shall honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his workers, nor his animals, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

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

Activity One - Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page. Then glue each picture under the correct table of the Law. (There will be 3 on each side.)



The Commandments show our sinfulness and our need for a Savior.

Passage

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

Hymn - TLH #295 v. 1, 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.

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 Jesus,

Your law shows us that we sin every day. We need Your saving love to take away these sins. Thank You for taking away our sins by dying on the cross for us. Help us to live for You every day. Amen.