

YOUNG TWIGS

Exodus 19:1–20:21; 32:1–34:35

Year 1, lesson 19

While the cat is away, the mice will play. Moses leaves for a time and the people quickly turn away from God, bowing down to a calf instead of the One who rescued them. What is God's response? ▲

Observation: *what does it say?*

1. *Before* you read this section, see if you can list the ten commandments from memory. Can you remember all ten?

Read Exodus 19:1-20:21. Mark *Lord/God, consecrate/wash their garments, Mount Sinai/mountain.*

2. Now list the ten commandments that God gave Moses in chapter 20.
3. In chapter 19, God says that He will come in a thick cloud so that the people will hear when He speaks to Moses. What does He instruct the people to do to prepare for this event? How much time do they have to get ready?

Read Exodus 32:1-34:35. Mark *Lord/God, molten calf, sin, covenant, tablets.*

4. What do Aaron and the people do while Moses is delayed up on the mountain?
5. What does God say to Moses about this?
6. What happens when Moses sees the calf and the dancing people?
7. In Exodus 34:1, the Lord tells Moses to cut “two stone tablets like the former ones.” What happened to the first stone tablets?
8. How does God describe Himself in Exodus 34:6-7?

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

1. Which of the 10 commandments focus on your relationship with God? Which of the 10 commandments focus on your relationship with others?
2. Jesus instructs us about two of these commandments in Matthew 5:21-24 and Matthew 5:27-28. Is He changing these commandments? What does He mean when He adds to them?
3. In Exodus 33:11, you read that the Lord speaks to Moses “face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.” How do you see this happening in chapter 33?

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

1. Consider the ten commandments and spend some quiet time with God. Which of these have you broken in the past? When you ask for forgiveness from God, what can you expect? Read Colossians 2:13–14, 1 John 1:8–10, Hebrews 10:16–17.
2. In Exodus 34:29, Moses’ face shines after speaking with the Lord. Does your face “shine” after you speak with the Lord? In what way?
3. When Moses left for the mountain top, the people were quick to forget God and fall into sin. God sent Moses down to rebuke and remind them. Give an example of a time you were “quick to forget God” and go your own way. Did God send someone to rebuke and remind you to return to God?

