

KS2 Unit 3, Lesson 1: The Law - Godly Play

The Giving of the Law (Exodus chapters 19 &20)

See how this story is told in church on You Tube - Godly play - 10 best ways.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjXX2xjTkg>)

Below is an adaptation for use in schools

NEED: play sand (just slightly moist) in a stout tablecloth, a Moses figure (a shepherd or Joseph from a Christmas crib), a small cardboard representation of the two stone tablets of the 10 Commandments.

This is a Jewish story so powerful that it has changed how people think ... what we do ... all over the world today.

This is a desert ... dangerous place ... no-one goes there unless they have to ...no water, no food ... when the wind blows it changes the shape ... people get lost ... some never come back. In the daytime so hot ... when the sand hits your face it stings. At night it is so cold. The desert is a dangerous place ... no-one goes there unless they have to.

A man is here - leader - man called Moses. Climbed a mountain - Mount Sinai. Needed to get to a quiet place. So much noise ... so much business. Have you ever needed to find a place to be quiet?

God was speaking to Moses. He needed to find a quiet place where he could be still and listen. It was quiet on the top of the mountain - listen ... Are you good at listening?

People say God sometimes shouts in the storm - but God mostly whispers in our hearts - listen. Someone is crying and a little voice inside us says, "You could help." Sometimes we are angry ... but the little voice says, "Let it go."

Listen ... do you hear that voiceis that God? What do we call that voice?

On the top of the mountain, Moses listened What could he hear The wind blowing over the rocks ... The birds calling in the sky ... listen ... someone else is calling I wonder how Moses felt when he heard ...?

God spoke to Moses about how he wanted his people to live ... about love kindness ... fairness ... sharing God told Moses about many Laws that say what is right and what is wrong. Most important of all were ten commandments that God himself wrote down on two tablets of stone. Moses carried them down the mountain to tell people what God had said and to write them all down so that they would never be forgotten. Today people all over the world think about these wise words and listen to what they say ... all kinds of people .. because wise words are always wise . What do you think? What do they say?

1. Put God first
2. Do not worship things
3. Do not swear
4. Set aside a special day for rest every week
5. Respect your parents
6. Do not murder
7. Keep your promises
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not long for other peoples things