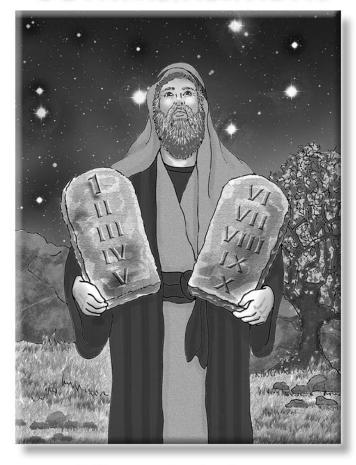
The FIRST Commandment



"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

Exodus 20:1-3

Long, long ago, the Jews were slaves in Egypt.
They suffered under the cruel Pharaoh.
When Moses was 80 years old, God
told him to go to Egypt to deliver the
Nation of Israel out this bondage.



With Moses as their leader, the children of Israel left Egypt and traveled to Mt. Sinai. It took them three months to reach the wilderness of Sinai, and they camped in front of the mountain.





There, God called to Moses and said to him, "Tell the children of Israel..."

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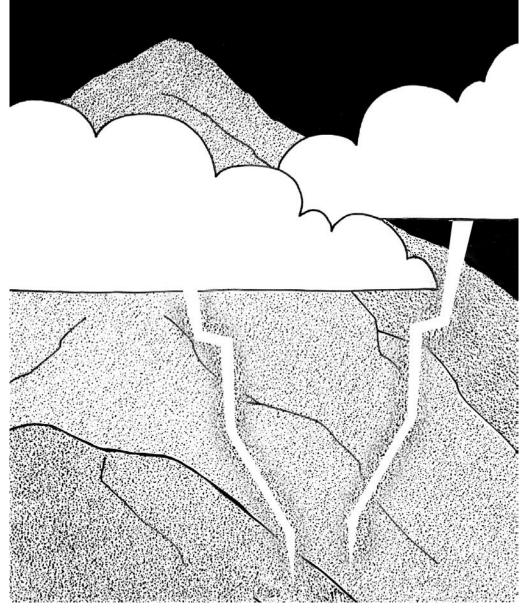
When Moses delivered the message, the children of Israel said . . .

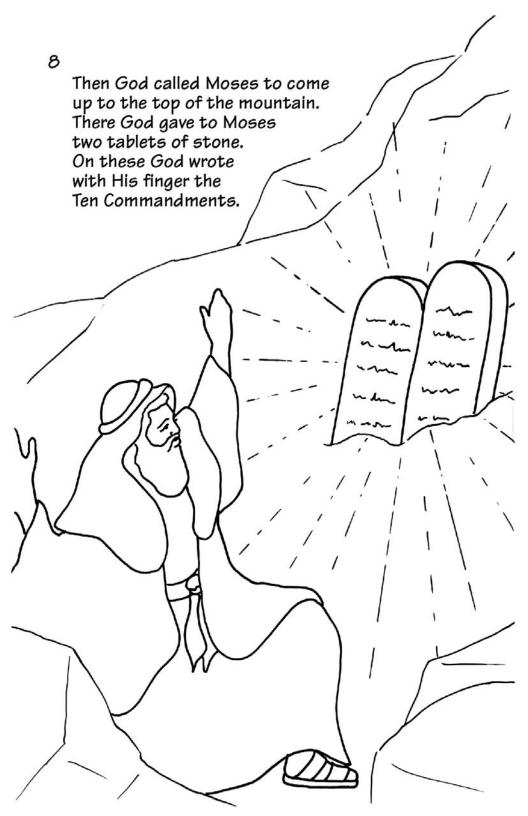
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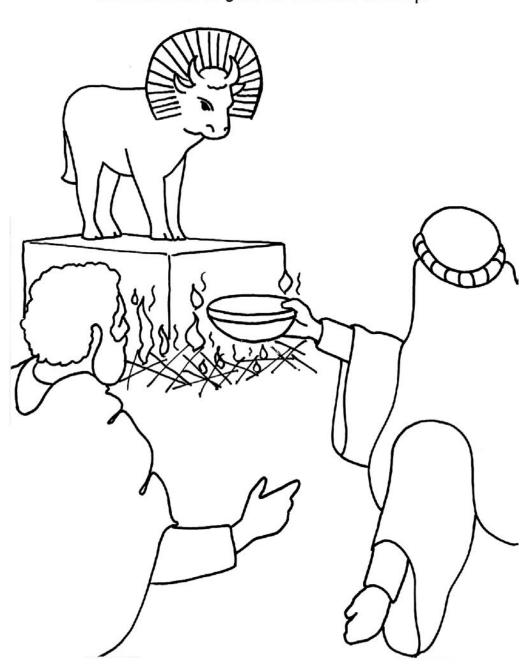


There was thunder and lightning and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and the people trembled. God wanted the people to know that He chose Moses especially from among all other Jews to be His mouthpiece and their leader.



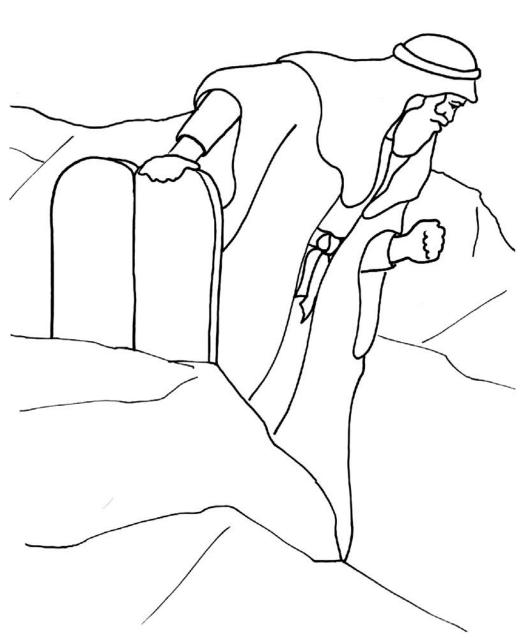


Moses was in the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights. The children of Israel got tired of waiting for Moses to come back. They asked Moses' brother Aaron to make them an idol of gold for them to worship.



When God was finished instructing Moses with the Law and the Commandments, He said, "Go down at once, for your people . . . have corrupted themselves."

How quickly the people forgot the promise they made to God and all His goodness to them.

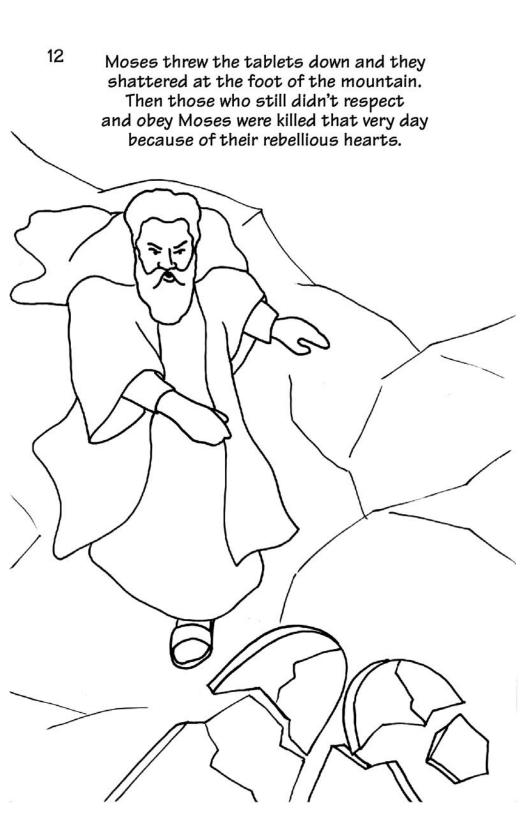


When Moses came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the Law, he saw the people dancing around the golden calf.

Moses became very angry! His people were breaking the 1st Commandment:

"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."





The children of Israel broke the First Commandment...

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When the Nation of Israel saw that they had made God angry, they were very sorry. They promised never to disobey Him again. God forgave them and provided Moses two new tablets of stone to take back to the people.



Even though the people were not able to keep the Law, God continues to love Israel to this very day.

God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel so they would have good guideposts to live by to keep them safe and happy. The lessons found in these Commandments are good guideposts for us, as well.



Many people worship things like . . .



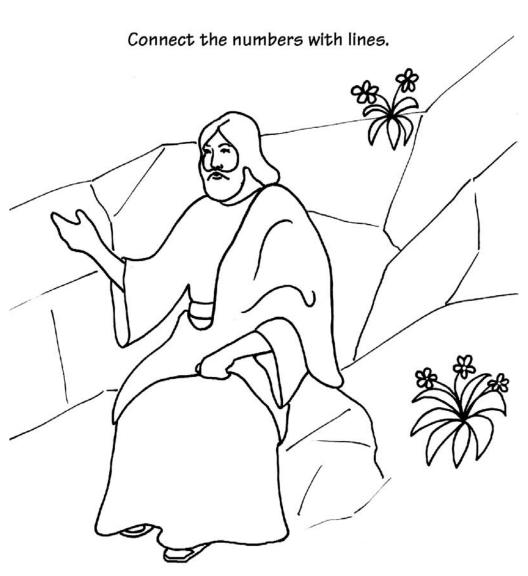
... but God should be more important to us than all of these things, because we love Him and worship Him more above everthing. We can worship God by thanking Him everyday for all the truly good things He has given us. We also thank Him by doing our best to obey His loving Word.



Jesus had an experience in his life that showed how much he worshipped God only. See Matthew 4:1-11 and connect these sentences.

- 1. Satan said to Jesus...
- 2. Jesus answered, "Get thee...
- 3. "Thou shalt worship...
- 4. "Him only...

- 4. shalt thou serve."
- 3. the Lord thy God."
- 1. "Bow down & worship me."
- 2. away from me, Satan."





In God's Kingdom on the earth during the Millennial Age, all people will learn to obey God, because they will learn to love Him above everything else.



That will be a joyful time when all mankind will have no other gods but the One True God, Jehovah.





