

### L3.15 “God Speaks the Ten Commandments”

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**Read Together:** The children of Israel had been busy preparing to come before God for three days. As God approached the mountain, there were thunder and lightning strikes; the mountain quaked and the ground where they stood shook. There was an awesome display of God’s power as He descended to the mountain! Even Moses, who had been in God’s presence before, was so afraid that he too trembled! The top of the mountain looked to be on fire as God thundered the Ten Commandments from its midst. The display was to show the



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Israelites how mighty and powerful God is, so that they would remember and obey Him. Sadly, the Israelites were so overwhelmed by the power of God that they pleaded with Moses to ask Him not to speak to them directly anymore, because they feared they would die. God asked the Israelites to keep the Ten Commandments so He could bless them, and they agreed.

**Read Together:** Exodus 19:12–25; 20:1–26

**Discuss:**

- Explain that the Ten Commandments are still in effect today (Matthew 5:17–18).
- Why is the Sabbath Commandment important?
- Explain that the Ten Commandments were given by God for our good; they are not a burden (1 John 5:3).
- Discuss the beneficial effects of the Ten Commandments. What would the world be like if no one told lies, or if no one took what didn’t belong to him or her? How would the world be transformed if everyone put God first and loved Him?
- Discuss the relationship between obedience to the Ten Commandments and the peace humanity desires. Help your child understand that it is breaking God’s laws that leads to the unhappiness mankind experiences. Use an example like stealing or lying to demonstrate this.

**Review Memorization.**

Exodus 20:1–17 – The Ten Commandments (long form)