



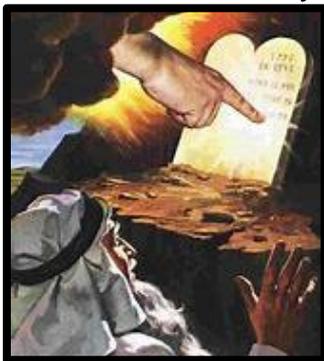
## **FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH**

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### **THROUGH THE WILDERNESS** *Lesson 6*

## **GOD'S TESTIMONY, HIS COMMANDMENTS**

*Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5*



### **GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME**

**JESUS WRITES HIS LAWS IN MY HEART, SO I WILL KNOW HIM AND LOVE HIM LIKE HE KNOWS AND LOVES ME**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:** *Repeat 2x with Congregation*

#### **Hebrews 8:10**

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and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God,  
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**INTRODUCTION:** God wanted to live among His people, but when God came in the cloud to talk to the Israelites, they told Moses to go and talk to God by himself, because they were afraid God would kill them! Moses obeyed God, so He was able to stand before His Holiness without being consumed by the brightness of His glory. The Israelites could not stand in the presence of God or they would be consumed because of their sin. Jesus wants us to repent of our sins and walk with God every day, so we will enjoy the brightness of His loving presence, and to be ready when He comes in the clouds to call us home..

## **2. LIFE PARABLE: Jenny Learns About God's Word**

Jenny's mother had been trying to teach her about the commandments of God and why God's rules are for our good because He loves us, but Jenny thought that if God really loved us then everyone should be allowed to do whatever they wanted. Jenny looked past her mother through the window and said, "Mom! A moving truck just drove up next door, our new neighbors are here! I hope they have a girl for me to play with!" Jenny ran back outside to watch, and soon, Jenny saw a girl come out so she went over to introduce herself. The new girl's name was Cindy and she was going to be in the same grade as Jenny! Jenny invited Cindy to come over and took Cindy to her room to play. The very first thing, Cindy knocked over Jenny's special lamp with a loud crash and broke it. Jenny looked, waiting for her to say she was sorry, but Cindy acted as though nothing had happened!



"Did you notice that you broke my lamp?" she asked. "Oh that old thing?" said Cindy, "You probably didn't want it anymore anyway! Your mom will clean it up...Hey, here's your Barbie's, let's play!" Cindy said, as she pushed some dolls at Jenny and kept some for herself, "Let's play beauty shop! Where's your scissors?" Wanting to be a good hostess, Jenny got the scissors out of her desk drawer, and watched in horror as Cindy cut all the hair off her favorite doll with one whack! Now Jenny was angry, grabbed her doll and said, "Cindy, I don't want my dolls to have haircuts!" Cindy was offended, "I thought you asked me to come over to play? Some people don't have any friends because they are not friendly!" Jenny stared in disbelief as Cindy stomped out of her room, waltzed through the kitchen, took a handful of cookies, and slammed the door! Jenny told her mother about the lamp and the doll, and asked in tears, "Mom, did I do something wrong?" "I don't think so, dear," she said, "Jenny, do you remember when we talked about God giving us rules, and you didn't understand why?"

**Suddenly Jenny understood about God's rules perfectly!**

### **3. GOD SEEKS COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.**

**Deuteronomy 5:4-5** “*The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, <sup>5</sup> (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount.*”



The Israelites, were terrified of the power of God on the mountain! Many are still afraid to come to God and be saved. Moses stood between the Israelites and God as a mediator, like a lawyer stands between a guilty person and the judge in court. God manifest Himself in flesh, in our Lord Jesus Christ so that we might know God and love Him like He loves us.

**1 Timothy 2:5-6** “*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*”

God promised the people, if they would keep His Commandments, they would be His own special people and He would bless them.

**Deuteronomy 26:18-19** “*And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; <sup>19</sup> and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.”*

God renewed this same covenant promise for us today, for all who receive Him, for He is the same God yesterday, today and forever!

**1 Peter 2:9-10** “*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; <sup>10</sup> which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”*

## 4. IS THIS JUST A STORY, OR IS THERE A REAL MOUNTAIN OF GOD CALLED MOUNT SINAI?

### THE STORY OF THE DISCOVERY

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In 1978, when Ron found the chariot parts in the Gulf of Aqaba just off the Egyptian shore, he knew that Mt. Sinai had to be on the opposite shore. Since the Biblical account tells how the people arrived at Mt. Sinai after they crossed the Red Sea, and since the Gulf of Aqaba separates the Sinai Peninsula (Egypt) and Saudi Arabia, there was no doubt as to the location of Mt. Sinai being in Arabia. **The Bible documents that Mount Sinai is in Arabia:** [Galatians 4:25](#) *“For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.”*

But where in Arabia? Ron studied the Biblical account and saw on the flight maps of the area that there was a mountain range in the northwestern area of Saudi which he felt had the potential to be Mt. Sinai. One Scripture which Ron had read was: [Deuteronomy 1:6](#) *“The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount.”*



This description indicated to Ron that the people were “in” a mountain range- protected within its borders. On the map, **Jebel el Lawz** was the highest peak in the entire NW Saudi Arabian region; and it was in a mountain range with numerous wide wadis, or canyons, within it which would have provided enough acreage for a tremendous number of people, along with their flocks and herds, to camp “within” the area and have the protection of the mountains all around them...If this mountain was indeed the true Mt. Sinai, Ron felt there had to be archaeological evidences which would prove it beyond a reasonable doubt. So he applied to the Saudi embassy for a visa to visit the area but never even received an answer from them. After 4 1/2 years of doing so...Ron, Danny and Ronny Enter Saudi Illegally. On Jan. 24, 1984, Ron and his sons arrived in Jordan... They toured Jordan a bit, then ***parked their rental car near the border and walked into Saudi undetected.*** Hitchhiking and hiring taxis, they arrived near **Jebel el Lawz**, where Ron saw white pillars lying on the ground, the sun reflecting off the white stone. He believed this had to be the site of Mt. Sinai and ***he saw the entire top of the mountain to be blackened as if charred.***

## 5. THE 1ST 4 COMMANDMENTS TEACH US HOW TO HAVE CLOSE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Exodus 20:1-11 “And God spake all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>*I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.* <sup>3</sup>*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.* <sup>4</sup>*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,* or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: <sup>5</sup>*thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:* for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; <sup>6</sup>and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>*Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;* for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.* <sup>9</sup>Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: <sup>11</sup>*for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*”



The 1st commandment tells us not to hold anything in our heart as another god; to put God first before any hobby, work, or sport, to put nothing before the Living God of Heaven!

The 2nd commandment tells us not to make and bow down to any carved statue, because God wants us to love and worship only Him.

The 3rd commandment tells us not to use God’s name in vain because His name is Holy and to be

treasured in our hearts....so no cussing!

The 4th commandment tells us to remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy. God wants you to remember that He is the Creator of all, and to completely rest in Him so you will have perfect peace.

## 6. THE LAST 6 COMMANDMENTS TEACH US HOW TO HAVE A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

Exodus 20:12-17 Jesus loves all of us and our families so much, His commandments tell us how to love each other by not ever hurting our family or our neighbors on purpose, that we should love them like God loves us.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us to honor our father and mother so that we will live in God's blessing all the days of our life. Do you honor your mom and dad by listening and obeying the first time they call? I hope so.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us that we are not to take innocent blood, that means we are not to kill an innocent person or an innocent baby, even before the baby is born. The commandment, "Thou shall not kill," is given to protect the innocent.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us not to commit adultery, which means we are not to have an intimate love relationship with anyone we have not married with God's blessing, because Jesus wants to save us from broken hearts and broken lives. There is nothing more wonderful than God's plan to stay committed to your family.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us not to steal. When we love each other we wouldn't want take something that would hurt our friend.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us not to bear false witness against our neighbor. When we love each other, we will not want to hurt each other by telling lies, or to get a person in trouble.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us not to covet. That means we should not look at what someone else has and wish that it was ours. If we covet, we soon become very unhappy and want to sin. God want you to have a happy thankful heart for what He gives to you.



God's 10 Commandments are about being loyal to God and kind to one another. God knows that if we obey all the Ten Commandments that we will be happy and never fall away from loving Him or from loving one another!

## **7. WHY WERE THE ISRAELITES SO AFRAID OF GOD, WHILE MOSES WAS NOT, BUT DREW NEAR TO GOD?**

*Exodus 20:18-21 “And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and **the noise of the trumpet**, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. <sup>19</sup> And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. <sup>20</sup> And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for **God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.** <sup>21</sup> And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.”*

*Proverbs 28:1 “**The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.**”*

*Deuteronomy 5:23-33* The Israelites saw the cloud upon the mountain, and they heard thunder and lightning and the trumpet sounding the majesty of our mighty God. But the Israelites treated God like He was a mean taskmaster who wanted to kill them, instead of their father and friend who loved them. Like many people today, they did not understand that God gives us commandments, to show us how to set ourselves apart to be holy for God because of His great love for us. The Testimony of God in His Commandments shows us **how** to sanctify ourselves.

*Deuteronomy 5:29 “**O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!**”*



Jesus doesn't want you to be afraid of Him like the Israelites. Jesus wants you to obey His Commandments and walk in close relationship with Him, because He loves you and wants you, and everyone in your life to be blessed forever! Moses was excited that God was there and went inside the mountain to talk to Him. God wants you to be excited for His soon coming and come near to talk to Him, because He loves you!

## **8. GOD'S 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE HIS TESTIMONY THAT WAS PLACED INSIDE THE ARK of the COVENANT.**

**Deuteronomy 5:22** *“These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.”*



**Exodus 31:18** *“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”*

**Exodus 25:16** *“And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.”*

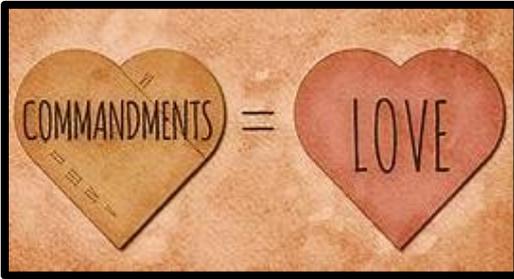
Why are the 10 Commandments called the Testimony? Because they testify to the loving nature of God - of how we are to love and worship only Him, and how we are to respect and love each other.

**1 John 5:2-3** *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”*

God's word reveals the difference between the 10 Commandments that were **written with the finger of God**, and the book of Moses that was **written by the hand of Moses**. The book of the Law also contains the 10 Commandments, but the two are separate. The book of the law contains 613 laws that are hard to remember!

**Hebrews 9:19-20** *“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, <sup>20</sup> saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.”*

**9. GOD’S TESTIMONY IS SO IMPORTANT, HE WRITES IT INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO RECEIVE HIM.**



Our Father God wants us to be like Him because His ways, His character, His heart, is love, and He gave us His Commandments to put in our hearts the Testimony of who He is.

**Hebrews 8:10** “For this is the covenant I will make with Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

**James 1:23-25** “For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup>for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway



forgetteth what manner of man he was. <sup>25</sup>But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

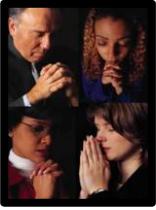


God’s Commandments show us our sin like a mirror shows us where our face is dirty so we can wash it! When we look into God’s mirror we can see more clearly. It is God’s gracious love that shows us where we need to wash so we can be like Him!

**1 Corinthians 13:12** “For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

With His Testimony in my heart I will be ready when He comes!

## 10. WHO SHALL ASCEND INTO THE HILL OF THE LORD LIKE MOSES?



*Psalm 24:3-5 “Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”*

Jesus is the rock, He is the cornerstone upon which our house of faith is built, and without seeking Him every day we fall and fail.

*1 Peter 2:1-9 “Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, <sup>2</sup> as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3</sup> if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. <sup>4</sup> To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, <sup>5</sup> ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. <sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, <sup>8</sup> and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: <sup>10</sup> which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy*

God’s promise for His people today comes through Jesus Christ. When we come out of the darkness of unbelief into His marvelous light, He calls us His own, and He is coming to take us home!

## 11. GOD'S PURPOSE AND PLAN FOR ME

1. God seeks covenant with us so we can be close to Him forever.
2. Without God's rules people do crazy things to hurt each other.
3. God's true people are different from others, a peculiar people.
4. Mount Sinai with the top burned, still exists today in Arabia, with many artifacts proving that the Israelites were there.
5. The first 4 Commandments show us how to love God.
6. The last 6 Commandments show us how to love each other.
7. God wants us to set ourselves apart as Holy, sanctified for Him, so we will not be afraid to come boldly into His presence.
8. God wrote the 10 Commandments into the stone with His own finger, and writes these same 10 Commandments into our hearts because they are the Testimony of His character.
9. The law nailed to the cross was the law contained in ordinances carrying penalty of death, that was paid by the blood of Jesus.
10. God wants us to have the heart of Jesus, that is a Testimony to our God and be excited when we see Jesus coming!



When we receive Jesus for our Savior, He writes His laws on our hearts because He wants our hearts to bear His Testimony of love for Him and for each other, so we will be like Him. Every day when we



look into the law of His love, we are changed more and more into His image, until one day when Jesus comes, we shall see His face, and we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is!

*Dear Father in Heaven, Thank you for loving me. Thank you for becoming flesh to shed your own blood on the cross, through Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Thank you, Jesus, for preparing a place in Heaven for me right now. Please forgive me for the things I've done wrong, come into my heart, and immerse me in your presence. Thank you for saving me and making me Your child. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I will have power to live my life for you. Help me to show my love for you by keeping Your commandments all the days of my life, in Jesus name, Amen.*

## 12. GOSPEL CRAFT PAGE

### Directions:

1. Enlarge and copy to 8 ½ x 11” white card stock (portrait size works only for little hands).
2. For larger hands, cut out the heart and copy to landscape 8 ½ x 11” white card stock.
3. Before class, cut out one set of 10 Commandments for each child & cut out hearts.
4. Have each child place their hands in paint then put hand prints inside the heart as shown.
5. Glue one Commandment to each finger.
6. Glue Word Strip onto heart as shown.

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