

God Speaks with Moses

Exodus 20:22 – 23:19

The Big Idea: God loves us enough to show us how to live.

Read the passage

Story Summary for Children:

After God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, Moses went up the mountain to speak with God. God gave Moses a set of laws for the Israelites to follow. These laws, known as the Book of the Covenant, explained and elaborated on the Ten Commandments. God gave examples for the judges of Israel, so that they would know how to punish people who failed to keep God's laws, and how to protect people, too.

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. To whom did God speak in this passage? (Moses)
2. What did God tell Moses? (He gave Moses a whole bunch of rules and laws by which to live)

Family Lesson Application Questions:

1. What do you think would happen if your parents didn't give you any rules?
2. Why do you think your parents give you rules?
3. What do you think would have happened if God had not given the Israelites rules?
4. Why do you think God gave the Israelites rules?
5. Does God give you rules? Why? How should we respond?

Memory Verse: *"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31b-32)*

Parents: Talk with your family about why you give them rules. Then talk about how God shows his love when he gives us rules.

A Look Ahead: Next week the passage is Exodus 23:20-33 and the Big Idea will be, "The Holy Spirit leads us into the future that Christ died to give us." Ask your family, "Who do you trust to take care of you?" You may also want to read next week's passage with your child and start explaining the story.