

The Covenant Confirmed

Exodus 24

The Big Idea: God reveals himself to us.

Read the passage

Story Summary for Children:

Yahweh told Moses to bring Aaron and seventy elders up the mountain to confirm the covenant with God. So Moses wrote down everything God told him. Then Moses stood before the people and read to them all that God had said. The people enthusiastically responded, "We will do everything Yahweh has said; we will obey."

After this, Moses, Aaron and the elders went up the mountain. Then God revealed himself to them. They saw God's feet and under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, a beautiful blue gem. God did not strike them dead even though they saw him. Then the men enjoyed a covenant meal with Yahweh.

After eating with God, Moses told the elders to go back down while he met with God to receive further instructions and the stone tablets. So, Moses took his assistant Joshua and travelled to the top of the mountain. After six days, Yahweh invited Moses to come before him.

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. What did Moses read to the people? (the laws and commandments that God gave him)
2. How did the Israelites respond? (they agreed to do all that God had commanded)
3. What happened on the mountain? (Moses and the elders saw God and ate with him)

Family Application Discussion Questions:

1. Why should we agree to keep God's commands?
2. Why does God reveal himself to people?
3. What do you think God is like?

Memory Verse: *"And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'Yahweh, Yahweh, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.'" (Exodus 34:6-7a)*

Parents: Talk with your family about the importance of obeying God. Talk about what God is like. What are his qualities? Talk about how we can trust him because of who he is.

A Look Ahead: Next week the passage is Exodus 25:1-31:18; 35:1-40:33 and the Big Idea will be, "God dwells in us." Ask your family, "Where do you think God lives?" You may also want to read next week's passage with your child and start explaining the story.