

ENCOUNTER & IGNITE

A Weekly Middle & High School Newsletter
Sunday School Lessons with Other News & Updates for Youth



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Unit 2 Overview

Covenant-- an agreement between two or more parties; is an important concept in Scripture. Throughout the Hebrew Bible, God's covenant with God's followers is the bedrock of God's relationship with them. From Abraham to Jacob to Israel to David, this deep theological commitment forms the foundations of how humanity interacts with God. The covenant God makes with the church through the blood of Christ remains the basis of our relationship today. In this unit, we will look at four stories to help us better understand the idea of covenant.

Unit 2; Lesson 1 Summary

After God invited Moses and the elders to worship, Moses convinced the people to agree to live by God's laws. Then Moses sealed the covenant with blood, and he and the elders shared a meal.

Lesson 1 Take-Away

God created a covenant with God's people and chose Moses as the mediator.

Bible Lesson

Fun-Fact

The Hebrew word for the entirely burned offering is *olah*, which means "that which goes up [in smoke]."



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Contact our Co-Directors of Christian Education with any Questions or Ideas you have for our Youth Programming.

Session 1:

The Covenant at Sinai

Engage

Just Like Me

Use the space below to draw any picture you want or to copy your partner's picture.

Scripture

with you on the basis of all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw Israel's God. Under God's feet there was what looked like a floor of lapis-lazuli tiles, dazzlingly pure like the sky. ¹¹ God didn't harm the Israelite leaders, though they looked at God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them.”

Exodus 24:1-12 (Common English Bible)

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders, and worship from a distance. ² Only Moses may come near to the LORD. The others shouldn't come near, while the people shouldn't come up with him at all.”

³ Moses came and told the people all the LORD's words and all the case laws. All the people answered in unison, “Everything that the LORD has said we will do.”

⁴ Moses then wrote down all the LORD's words. He got up early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He set up twelve sacred stone pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ He appointed certain young Israelite men to offer entirely burned offerings and slaughter oxen as well-being sacrifices to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls. The other half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the covenant scroll and read it out loud for the people to hear. They responded, “Everything that the LORD has said we will do, and we will obey.”

⁸ Moses then took the blood and threw it over the people. Moses said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD now makes

Key Verse

Then he took the covenant scroll and read it out loud for the people to hear. They responded, “Everything that the LORD has said we will do, and we will obey.” Moses then took the blood and threw it over the people. Moses said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD now makes with you on the basis of all these words.”

—Exodus 24:7-8

Scripture

We Agree

Using the Bible Lesson, list the steps Moses took to formalize God's covenant with the people.

Focus

Sense Imagery

What senses stood out to you?

Give examples of all the senses.

Connect

A Place of Sacrifice

- Use the space at the top of the next page to sketch an altar that could be used at your church.

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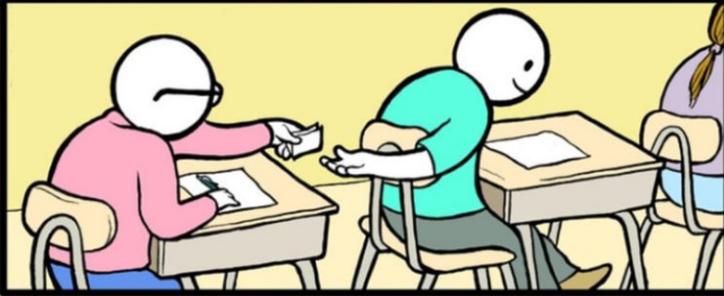
- Why is an altar useful? How does an altar help us understand our relationship to God? What kind of sacrifices do we make today?

Practice



Communion

- What connections do you see between the events in today's Bible Lesson and the practice of Communion?
- In what way is Communion a sacrifice?
- Make notes below about your research on World Communion Sunday.

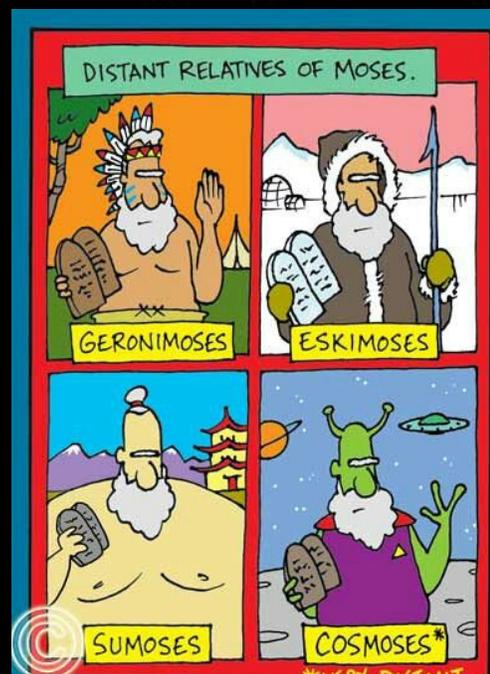
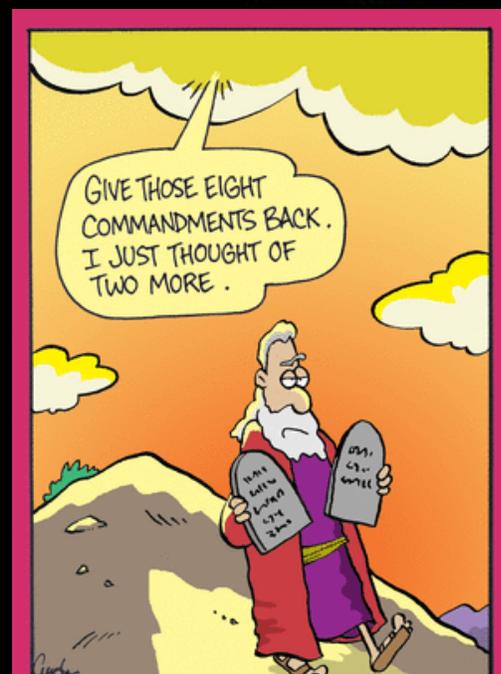
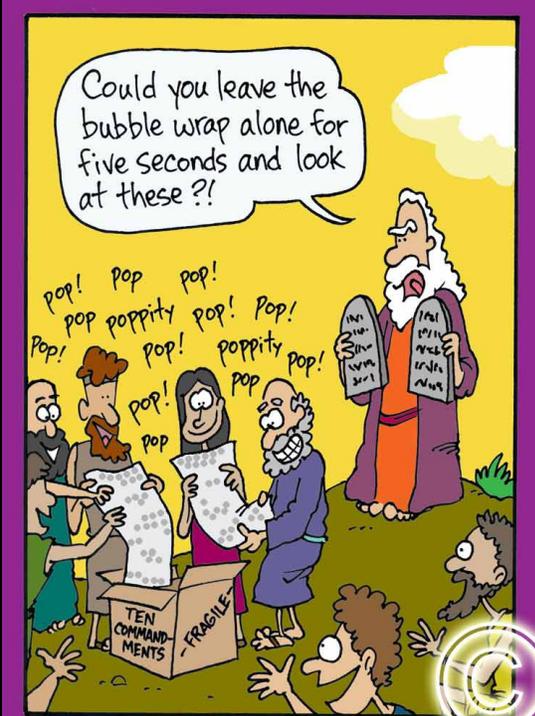
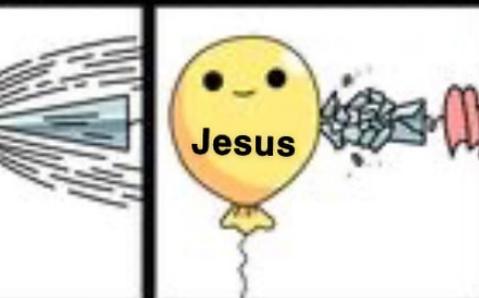
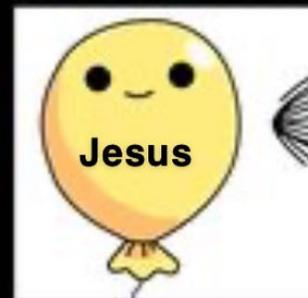
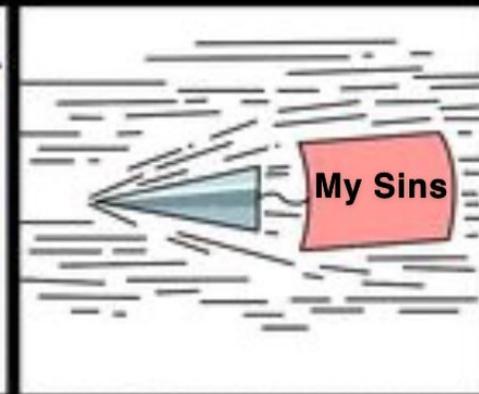


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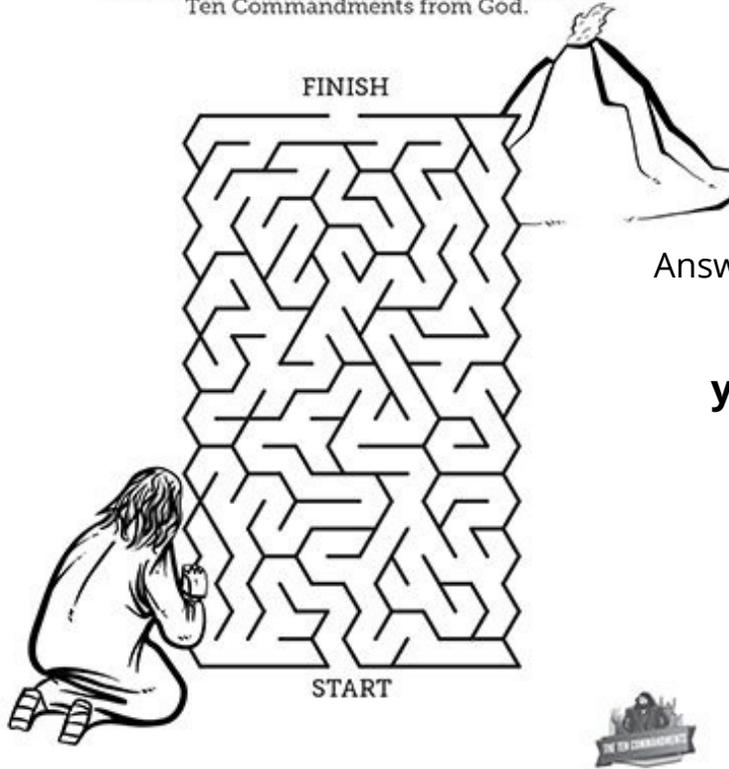
Being involved in Grace UMC Youth activities

When it's spooky month, but the real spookiness is having 3 more months of 2020



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Guide Moses to the top of Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God.



Wesleyan Way:

John Wesley regularly talked about the importance of believers renewing their covenants with God. He even created a Covenant service as way to renew their commitments to serving God.

Answer the following questions:

If you were to form a covenant between yourself and God, what would you include?

What would you promise in the covenant?

How would you seal the covenant?



**Virtual Youth
GAME NIGHT
October 21st
from 7:00-8:00pm.**



The Zoom Link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85999474534>

Games will be played via Zoom & Friends are invited. Any Middle & High School students interested in attending, please contact our Co-Directors of Christian Education at **christianed@gracesiouxcity.org**

Youth Ministry Middle/High School



United Methodist
Youth Talent Troupe

Note—
*UMYTT will start virtually
until we can be in person

UMYTT (United Methodist Youth Talent

Troupe-- Is an opportunity where students grades 5th through 12th can praise Christ while learning & expressing their artistic talents through Drama, Skits, Music & More! No experience is necessary!

Our first production will be *two* 10 minute plays.
"This Isn't Scarsdale, Gus" & "The Bible Study."
There are a total of 9 roles to be filled!

(Can be double cast) For more information, check out the UMYTT Page on our Grace Website!

All rehearsals & performances will be done online via Zoom! Performances are TBD.

If you are interested in acting in this first show or want more info on UMYTT, please contact Co-Director of Christian Education Brock Bourek via email: brock@gracesiouxcity.org

We'd love if you sent us pictures of your family participating in anything from Faith Family Club activities, to Sports, the Fine Arts, Community Service or anything else that's keeping you busy! Email any pictures or questions/concerns you have to christianed@gracesiouxcity.org

Upcoming Youth Activities All Middle & High School Students are Welcome



Monthly Spiritual Activities: Our Strength is United through Faith Family Club

Below are 4 different categories for fun at home activities to try with the whole family. Each month, we will give a suggestion for a spiritual based activity for each of the following categories: *Outdoor, Artistic, Movie & Innovative.*

The purpose is to enjoy spending quality time together through creative & intellectual projects, while sparking family & faith based discussions. These activities are just suggestions. We encourage your family to do at least two within a month's time span. Here are the following for the month of October.

Outdoor: Picnic—Find a nice place away from your home, where the whole family can enjoy a nice homemade meal outside. *(Take the opportunity to thank God for the food we eat & world in which we live)*

Artistic: Family Portrait—Have the entire family draw/paint a picture of a family portrait or how have everyone free hand how they think the family looks. This will be a fun way to see how everyone in your family views one another to compare portraits. *(Thank God for everyone's creativity and that we may see the positivity & strength in the differences of one another's creative abilities.)*

Movie: The Princess Bride—This 1987 film is a great way to spend time being lazy & inactive. There's plenty of romance, drama, action & fight sequences to keep everyone entertained to the end. *(Discuss the differences between the characters and what they want most out of life. Which character are you [each family member] most like? Do you see any themes from the bible in this film?)*

Innovative: Mini Golf—Create your very own at home Family mini golf course. This can be indoors or outside. The goal should be for everyone in the family to design at least one hole, and some should be harder than others. Then the whole family will play through all the mini golf holes. *(Which holes were harder than others? What type of things do some people struggle with that others don't? Think of the differences & hardships that people go through. How can we try our best as Christians to mend that gap?)*