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Morning Devotion

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him."—Deuteronomy 18:18 BSB

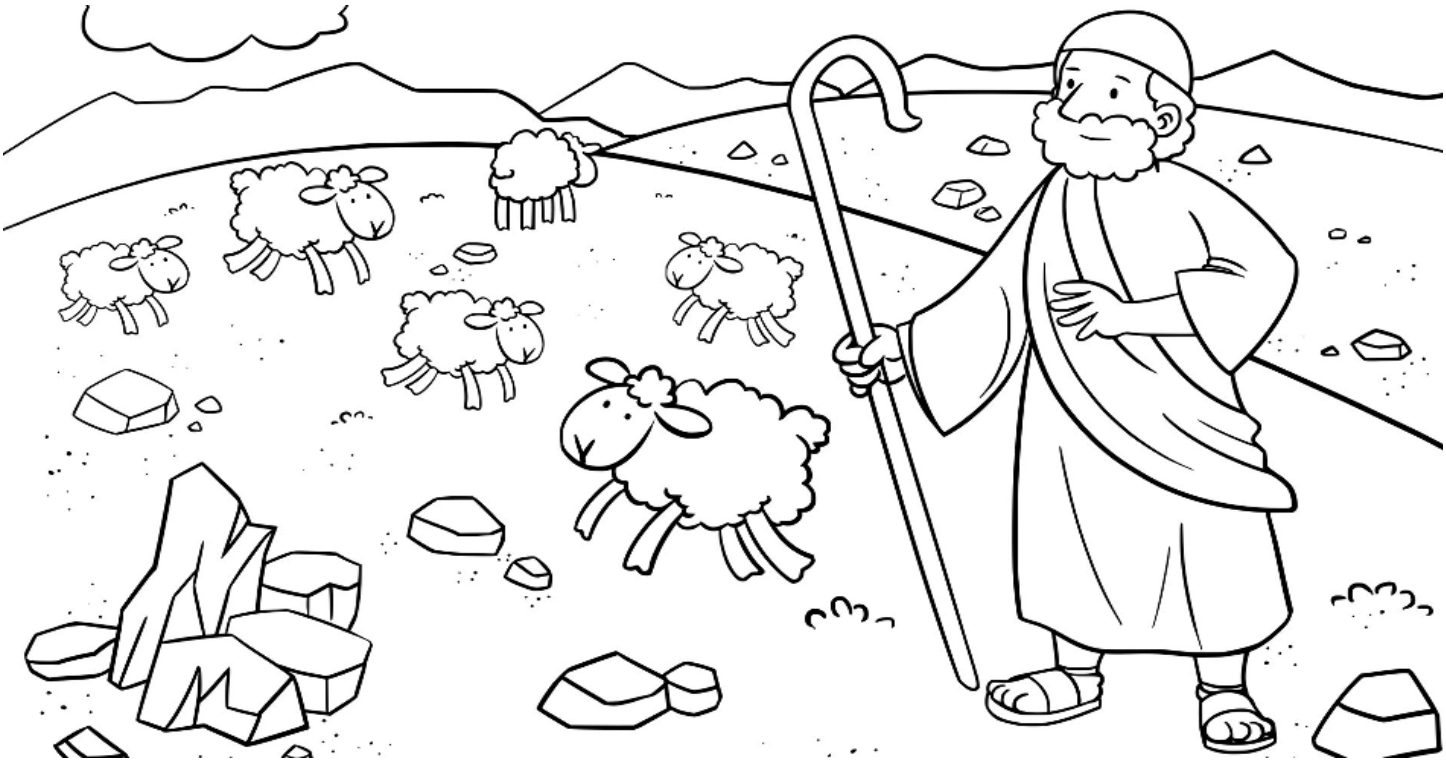
When Moses was born the king had given an order to kill all baby boys, but he was saved from that command and hidden in Pharaoh's own house until he was fully grown. From there he learned how to be a shepherd and care for and protect the sheep who could not protect themselves the very dangerous world that they lived in. From that experience he then went on to deliver God's people from bondage to Pharaoh and bring them to the Promised Land.

God tells Moses here in Deuteronomy that a very important prophet was coming and that he would have very similar experiences as Moses. He would be a Hebrew just like Moses and would do everything God told him to do and say everything God told him to say.

Who do we think this important prophet is?

What things that happened to Moses also happened to this "prophet"?

Why is this "prophet" so important?





The Early life of Moses

1 There was a man from the family of Levi who decided to marry a woman from the tribe of Levi.

2 She became pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy. The mother saw how beautiful the baby was and hid him for three months.

3 She hid him for as long as she could. After three months she made a basket and covered it with tar so that it would float. Then she put the baby in the basket and put the basket in the river in the tall grass.

4 The baby's sister stayed and watched to see what would happen to the baby.

5 Just then, Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to bathe. She saw the basket in the tall grass. Her servants were walking beside the river, so she told one of them to go get the basket.

6 The king's daughter opened the basket and saw a baby boy. The baby was crying and she felt sorry for it. Then she noticed that it was one of the Hebrew babies.

7 The baby's sister was still hiding. She stood and asked the king's daughter, "Do you want me to go find a Hebrew woman who can nurse the baby and help you care for it?"

8 The king's daughter said, "Yes, please." So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother.

9 The king's daughter said to the mother, "Take this baby and feed him for me. I'll pay you to take care of him." So the woman took her baby and cared for him.

10 The baby grew, and after some time, the woman gave the baby to the king's daughter. The king's daughter accepted the baby as her own son. She named him Moses because she had pulled him from the water.--Exodus 2:1-10 ERV

Hundreds of years had passed since Jacob and his family came to live in Egypt. Families grew and there were so many children of Jacob (also known as Children of Israel, or Hebrews) that the Egyptian government became afraid. They thought that the Israelites would soon take over their nation and kick them out.

So, they made slaves of the Children of Israel and thought it was a good idea to kill all the baby boys by throwing them in the river as soon as they were born.

Do we know of another time when a king thought it was a good idea to kill baby boys?

Jacob had twelve sons. Each son became the head of their own families and they were called "tribes". Levi was one of the sons of Jacob and so his family was called the "tribe of Levi" and this is where our lesson begins today.

Amram and Jochebed had two children, Miriam and Aaron. After the Pharaoh said to kill all the baby boys, Jochebed had another baby, a boy. Like any good mother, she wanted to protect her baby. She loved him very much. She hid him for three months, but how do you keep a baby hidden who cries, laughs and before long will want to run around? This seemed impossible to Jochebed, so she had to do something.

Jochebed loved her baby so much and she knew that to save his life, she would have to give him up and trust that God would take care of him. She had done all that she could do, now it was up to God. It was probably the hardest thing she ever had to do.

She took the baby and put him in a basket and put him in an area in the Nile River that was safe from crocodiles. It was this place where the Pharoah's daughter often came. The mother probably had known the place and knew when was the right time to do this. Miriam the baby's sister, stayed back to see what would happen.

When the princess came down to the water, she heard the baby cry. She also knew by looking at him that he was of the Hebrews. She knew the law, but she was not a mean person and could not harm him. She fell in love with him and took that baby and adopted him as her own.

Here we have a very important event in history. Jochebed loved her son so much that she had to give him up to save his life. The Princess whose people who were enemies of the Children of Israel, gladly adopted this baby, named him Moses and raised him to be a prince in Egypt.

Do we know of others in God's Word who were adopted? What do we know about their stories?

Moses' real mother gave him to God to protect when she could no longer do it, but as God would have it, Moses was given back to Jochebed to raise for the Princess.

God had a purpose for Moses' life and he needed special experiences in his life to fit him for the special work for God. Growing up as a slave, building mud bricks for pyramids was not the training that Moses needed. He needed the education of the Egyptians, he needed the military training and leadership training. The Lord saw to it that they could give him what he needed.

So, sometimes the Lord trains us for something in our future. Sometimes we go through hard times or things we don't understand now, but if we apply ourselves to what is going on, we will be prepared for whatever job God has for us when the time comes. Sometimes we may have to be adopted like Moses so that we can get that training.



When Moses was 80 years old, God called him to rescue the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh didn't want to let them go, but Moses and his brother Aaron who came with messages from God, asked Pharaoh to let the people go. They asked ten times. It was not until the tenth time, and after ten plagues sent by God that Pharaoh decided that he would let them go.

Once Pharaoh said, "Ok, they can go," they got out of Egypt as fast as they could. They ran across the Sinia Peninsula and when they would have gone one way, God said, "You need to turn and go this way." So, they did. And Pharaoh thought they were lost and so he decided to go after them.

They weren't lost, but God sent them down a path that had a dead end. He did this so that Pharaoh would never again be able to threaten His people. When Pharaoh caught up to them, God made a path in the Red Sea so that the Hebrews could cross. When they had safely gotten to the other side, God released the waters onto the Egyptians. All the Egyptians who went after the Hebrews died in the Red Sea.

Now that the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea and were safe from Pharaoh and Egypt, they could freely go and meet with God. They met with Him on Mount Sinai also known as Mount Horeb.

This was the same mountain that when Moses was a shepherd watching his father-in-law's sheep, he saw the bush that was on fire, but didn't burn up. It was on that mountain, God told him to take off his shoes because it was holy ground. It was also on that mountain where God told him that he would save his people. It was this same mountain that Moses took the children of Israel to meet God.

The people were afraid to have direct contact with God, so they wanted Moses to be the Mediator between God and the Children of Israel.

A "mediator" is someone who can go between two different people to help solve a problem. Have you ever had to be that for a friend? Your friend might have been afraid to talk to someone, and they had you talk to that person for them? That is what Moses did for the people.

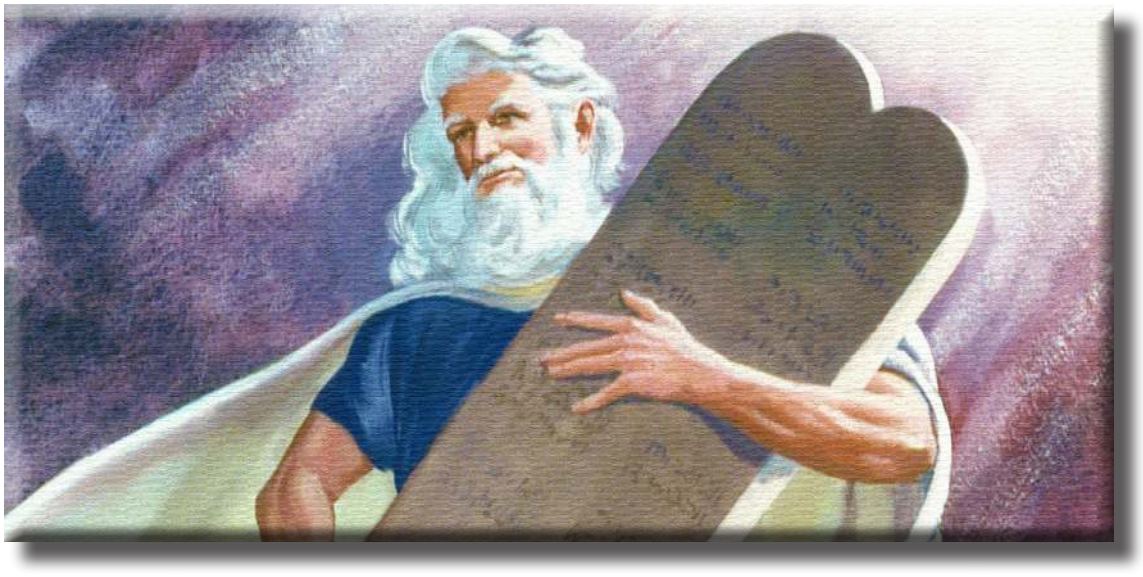
Moses went up into the mountain to talk with God and God gave Moses the ten commandments and wrote the instructions on stone so that all the people could see.

Jesus tells us much later, that the Ten Commandments can be summed up by two statements.

1) Love the Lord you God with all your heart

2) And love your neighbor as yourself.

Let's read the 10 commandments and apply what Jesus says about them.



The Ten Commandments



Exodus 20:1-21 ERV

Then God said, (2)"I am the LORD your God. I led you out of the land of Egypt where you were slaves. These are the commands I give you:

(3) **"You must not worship any other gods except me.**

(4) **"You must not make any idols.** Don't make any statues or pictures of anything up in the sky or of anything on the earth or of anything down in the water. (5) Don't worship or serve idols of any kind, because I, the LORD, am your God. ...

(7) **"You must not use the name of the LORD your God to make empty promises.**...(Do not promise in God's name and not do it)

(8) **"You must remember to keep the Sabbath a special day.** (9) You may work six days a week to do your job. (10) But the seventh day is a day of rest in honor of the LORD your God. ... (11) That is because the LORD worked six days and made the sky, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. And on the seventh day, he rested. In this way the LORD blessed the Sabbath—the day of rest. He made that a very special day.

(12) **"You must honor and respect your father and your mother.** Do this so that you will have a full life in the land that the LORD your God gives you.

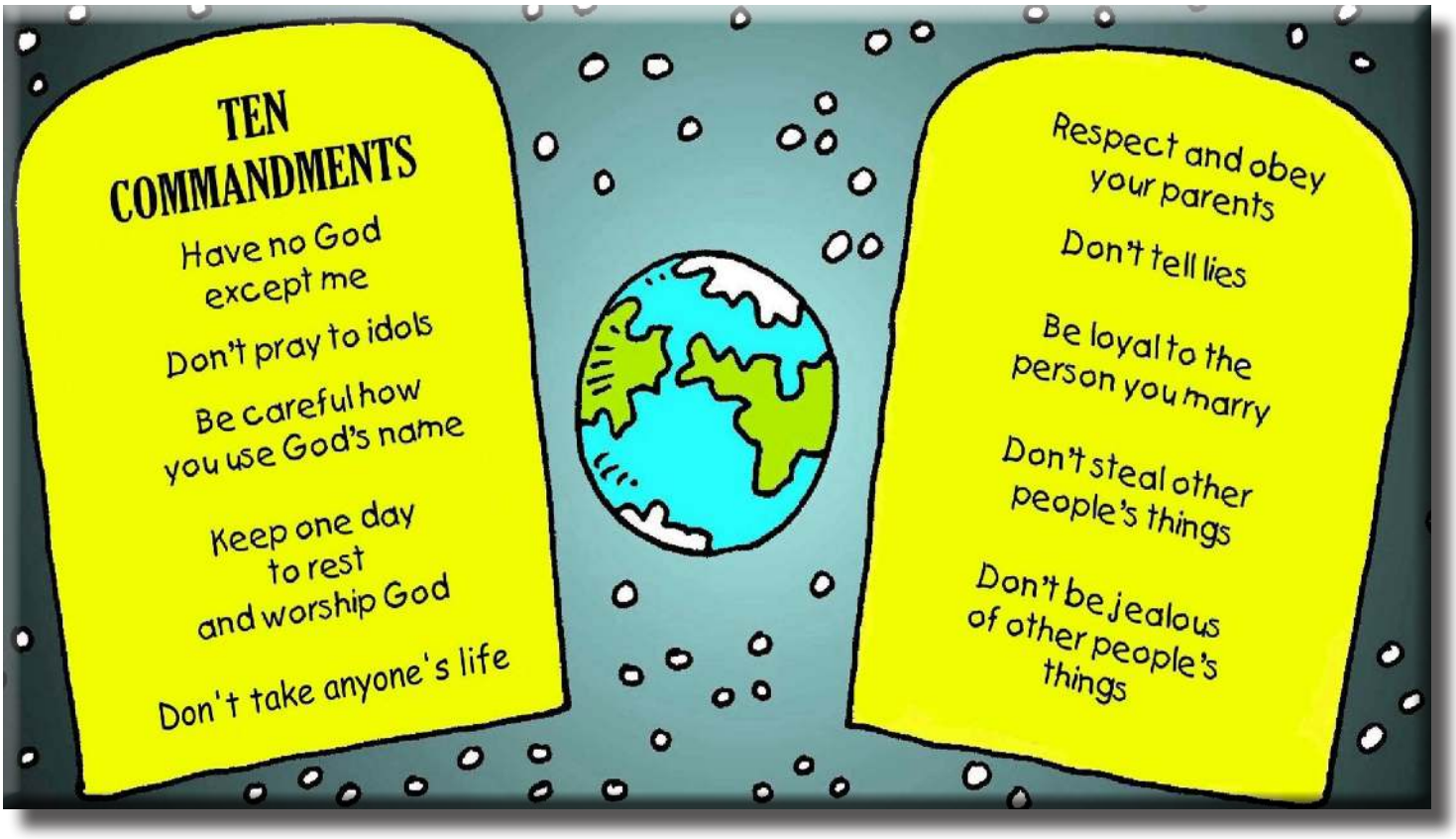
(13) **"You must not murder anyone.**

(14) **"You must not commit adultery.**

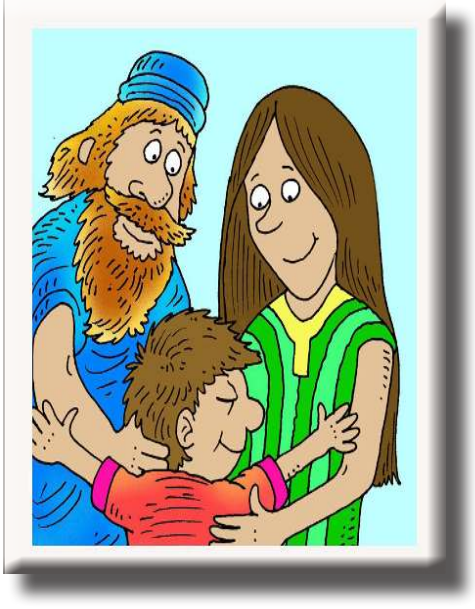
(15) **"You must not steal anything.**

(16) **"You must not tell lies about other people.**

(17) "You must not be jealous your neighbor's house, or anything he owns. **You must not want to take anything that belongs to another person."**



Draw lines from the picture to the right Commandment





















The 10 Commandments Song

(Sung like the 12 days of Christmas)

The First Commandment that God gave to us:
There is only One God!

The Second Commandment that God gave to us:
Don't worship Idols!

The Third Commandment that God gave to us:
Watch your words!

The Fourth Commandment that God gave to us:
Rest on the Sabbath!

The Fifth Commandment that God gave to us:
Obey your Parents!

The Sixth Commandment that God gave to us:
Do not murder!

The Seventh Commandment that God gave to us:
Honor your spouse!

The Eighth Commandment that God gave to us:
Do not steal!

The Ninth Commandment that God gave to us:
Do not lie!

The Tenth Commandment that God gave to us:
Do not covet!



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