



LESSON 4 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Sets Apart His People

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20

WORD OF WONDER: Deuteronomy 7:9

I was homeschooled until I went to high school. So my first few months of public school were good but challenging. I was different from the other kids—I didn't know all the slang; I hadn't had their experiences. I gradually adjusted and fit in. But there was always something different about me because I was a Christian. There were things I did and didn't do because of my faith.

In today's lesson, we see that God creates a people who are to be in the world but not of it. In many ways, they will operate like everyone else, but because of God's law and what it says, there will always be something different about them. Israel struggles with this all throughout the Old Testament. Many of us—and probably many of the kids you lead—struggle with this still today.

God calls His people to be set apart. It's not always easy. But when we walk in the way of the Lord and we look at His instructions, we realize His commands are good because He is good. We realize He's worth following.

God sets us apart to live for Him and to show others what He is like. That makes us different. But it's OK because our God is faithful.

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GOD GIVES THE LAW

DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Moses is an important figure throughout Scripture. God called him to lead His chosen people out of Egyptian slavery. Moses received the law, and God made His covenant with him ([Exodus 19–24](#)). Moses wandered the wilderness because of Israel’s disobedience and died without entering the Promised Land.

WHAT?

God led Israel out of slavery in Egypt and delivered them from the pursuing Egyptian army. God called His people together at the base of Mount Sinai to make His covenant with them. God spoke to Moses, giving him the Law, and Moses brought it to the people.

WHERE?

Mount Sinai is the same “mountain of God” where God first called to Moses from the burning bush. God said Israel would return to worship Him here after being set free ([Exodus 3](#)). Today it’s called Jabal Musa in Arabic, meaning “Mountain of Moses.”

WHEN?

Israel came to Mount Sinai on the first day of the third month after leaving Egypt. According to the Hebrew calendar, this may have been in late May or early June, since Passover is celebrated in the first month around March or April.

CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY

God led His people to Mount Sinai to receive the Law of God. It showed how they were to live as God’s chosen people. In [Matthew 5–7](#), Jesus gave a sermon on a different mountain or hill. There Jesus said He had come to fulfill the Law, bringing all things to completion.



Curiosity

LESSON 4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Spark curiosity, encourage exploration, and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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Activity: These Rocks Rock!

SUPPLIES: rocks, markers (optional)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Today we're going to hear a story that involves some big rocks. Let's have some fun examining these rocks.

Lay out several rocks for kids to explore. Make sure they are big enough that they're not choking hazards but not too big that kids could get hurt if they drop them.

Let kids touch the rocks. Ask questions such as "Do they all feel the same?" or "Are they all the same colors?" or "Can you see any lines in the rocks?" as the kids explore the rocks. You can also set out markers and allow the kids to write or draw on the rocks.

In God's big story today, we're going to hear about some rules that were written by God on rocks!



9:00 Service

Belief

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Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

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Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for being here with us today. Help us listen to what You have to say to us today. Reveal Your love for Your special people to each and every one of us today. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this? *The Bible*

Ask: Why is the Bible important? *Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.*

TELL THE BIBLE STORY

The Big Picture Bible, page 36

The Ten Commandments

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

**He is the faithful God. He keeps his
covenant of love to a thousand generations
of those who love Him.**

— Deuteronomy 7:9

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

Leader Tip: God being faithful means He will always do what He says He will do. He is trustworthy.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **How has God been faithful to your family?**
- **How is God faithful to His special people?**



Identity

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Create space for God to remind kids they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

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Activity: Follow My Commands

Let's play a game where you will do the action I say! If I say, "Stand up," you'll stand up. Encourage all the kids to stand up. Continue playing using the following commands:

Stand up	Sit down
Spin around	Touch your nose
Reach up high	Clap your hands
Touch your toes	Pat your head

God gave commands to His people—but not so the people couldn't do fun things! God gave commands to show how special His people are. Remember, God sets apart His people.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for making them special and setting apart His people.

God, thank You for making each of us special. Thank You for loving us. Thank You for choosing us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May you never forget that you are part of God's chosen people who have been set apart. Never forget how special you are and how much God loves you.