

The STORY

October 2-9 – The Story 31 Week Lectionary



WEEK 5:

New Commands and a New Covenant - Moses

Prayer: (From *Psalm 119:33-40 – For Learning the Commands of God*)

“Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life! Amen”

Today’s Devotion Would Suggest:

Monday – Exodus 19, Tues. – Ex. 20, 24; Wed. – Ex. 25; Thurs. Ex. 32-33; Fri. Ex. 34;
 Sat. & Sun. Ex. 40

If Time Allows: Ex. 19-40; Lev. 1-13; Ps. 29-35 (*Allows Reading the Bible through in 31 Weeks*)

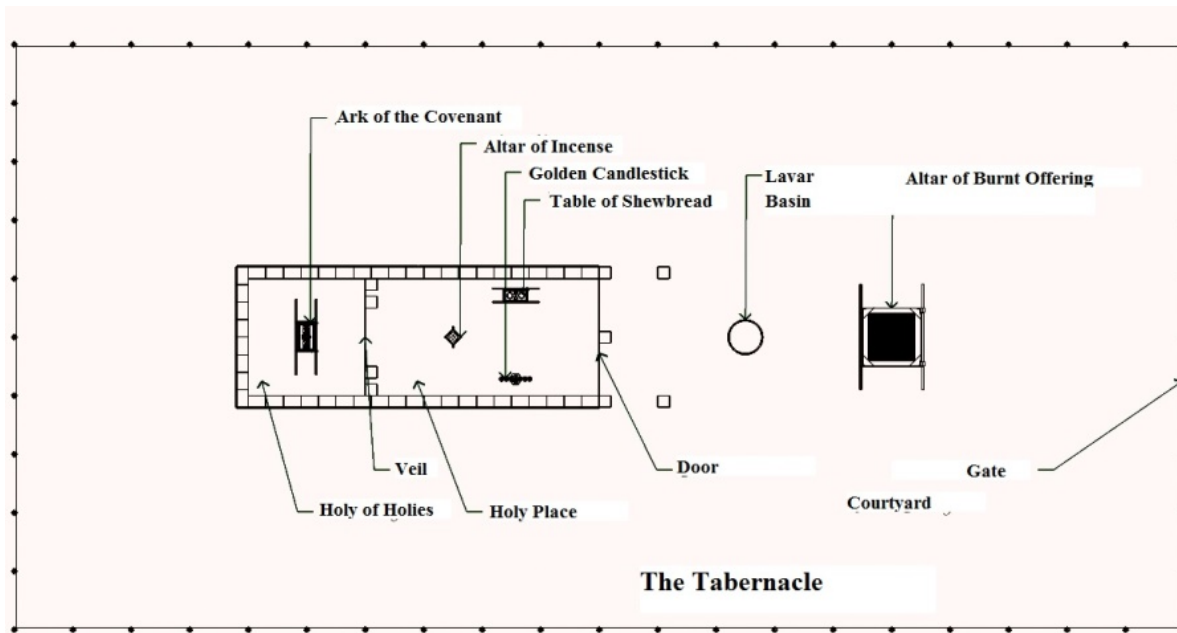
Reflection Questions: (See Reverse Side) **Numbering the Commandments:** Exodus 20; Deut. 5

	Jewish	Catholic/Lutheran	Some Protestants
Intro	I am the Lord your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt		
1	I am the Lord your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt	You shall have no other gods.	You shall have no other gods.
2	You shall have no other gods.	You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God	You shall not make a graven image
3	You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God	Remember the Sabbath day by Keeping it Holy	You shall not misuse the name of the Lord Your God
4	Remember the Sabbath day by Keeping it Holy	Honor your father and your mother.	Remember the Sabbath day by Keeping it Holy
5	Honor your father and your mother.	You shall not murder.	Honor your father and your mother.
6	You shall not murder.	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not murder.
7	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not steal.	You shall not commit adultery.
8	You shall not steal.	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not steal.
9	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.	You shall not bear false witness.
10	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	You shall not covet your neighbor's goods	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Questions for the Week: Oct. 3-9 – Chapter 5

Consider journaling your response. If you have time consider reading: Ex. 19-40; Lev. 1-13; Ps. 29-35

- Monday (Oct. 3): Read Exodus 19. (*The Story* pg. 59-60) God is telling his people to reflect on what He has done. In your own life, reflect on the great things God has done for you in the past (Include the big events like your sins on the cross and specific things that you can remember that God has done for you.) The LORD loves to appear to people in a dense cloud. What are some other times that God appears in a cloud? (Ex. 13:21; Ex. 40:34; 1 Kings 8:10; Job 26:9; Matthew 17:5; Matt. 24:30; Luke 9:34-35; Acts 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:17) Why must the people wash before God comes? How do we wash today? Why must the people not go up unto the mountain while God is present? Are we any better than the people in Moses' day?
- Tuesday: Read Ex. 20 & 24. (*The Story* pg. 61-62) *The Story* chooses to number the commandments different than we do (See Table on Back). How they are numbered is not as important as keeping them. In summary, the 10 Commandments are a two way deal: "Since, I am God and I saved you from Egypt, then you shall do these 10 things!" God says very similar today in 1 John 4:19, "We love because He (God) first loved us." We do not get to heaven by keeping the 10 commandments, but they still are God's will for how we love God and love our neighbor. How can you use the commandments as a guide, mirror (Shows Our Sin), and a curb (Keep from Sinning)? Keep in mind, the moral law is still fully in effect. However, we are not required to keep ceremonial & civil laws because Jesus has fulfilled them. Why does Moses sprinkle blood on the people?
- Wednesday: Read Ex. 25. (*The Story* pg. 63) God is described as a consuming fire? Is God a consuming fire? Does God require an offering of His people? Why does God want us to give from the heart? Look at the diagram for the tabernacle. How do each part of the tabernacle point to Jesus? Use Jesus "I Am" statements to Help: "I am the



Gate" – Gate; "I am The Lamb of God" – Burnt Offering; "I am the Living Water" – Lavar; "I am the Bread of Life" – Shewbread; "I am the Light of the World" – Golden Candlestick; "I am the Way" – The Veil; "I am the Truth" – The Ark; "I am the Good Shepherd" – "I am the Door" – Door; etc.

- Thursday: Read Ex. 32-33:3 (*The Story* pg. 64-66). What happened when Moses was slow coming down from the mountain? What do we do when God is slow? What god's do we make? How does Moses plead for the people? How does Moses react when he sees the calf? What are Aaron's excuses? What is God's punishment? What does this teach us about God?
- Friday Read Ex. 33:7-34:14 (*The Story* pg. 67-68) How does God answer Moses' prayer? Does God answer our prayers today? What is so great about God giving Moses a second set of tablets? What truths do we learn about God's forgiveness and punishment? What does God promise to do when he says, "Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you."
- Saturday & Sunday: Exodus 34:27-35 & Exodus 40:34-38 (*The Story* pg. 69-70) – Compare these verses to John 1:14 "The Word (Jesus) became flesh and tented (tabernacled) among us." (Literal translation). What is the big deal of God traveling in a tent with the people? Why is it a big deal that Jesus lived for 33 years with us here on earth? Does he still live among us? How?