

June Week 3

Bible Lesson/Script

The Great Deliverer

Passage: • Exodus 19:16-18, Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 5:1-2 , Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28

Main Point: God gave His people rules through Moses, but Jesus teaches us that God doesn't just want us to obey on the outside—He wants to change our hearts on the inside.

Bottom Line: Jesus didn't come to erase God's law—He came to help us love God with all our hearts and obey Him from the inside out.

Leader:

Have you ever been given rules to follow?

(Allow responses.)

Maybe rules like:

- Pick up your toys.
- Be kind to your brother or sister.
- Raise your hand before you speak.
- Tell the truth.

Rules help us know what is right and good.

Today we're going to learn about two mountains and two very important teachers:

1. Moses on a mountain called Sinai.
2. Jesus on a mountain in Galilee.

Both went up a mountain.

Both taught God's people.

But what they taught helps us understand something amazing about God's plan!

Leader:

First, let's travel back to Moses.

God had rescued His people from slavery in Egypt.

Now they came to a huge mountain called Mount Sinai.

But this wasn't an ordinary mountain.

Listen to what happened.

(Read Exodus 19:16-18.)

There was thunder!

There was lightning!

A thick cloud covered the mountain!

The whole mountain shook!

And smoke rose into the sky!

Wow! Can you imagine standing there?

(Pause.)

The people were afraid because they knew God is holy and powerful.

Then God gave Moses something very important:

The Ten Commandments.

(Read a few examples from Exodus 20.)

- Do not worship other gods.
- Honor your father and mother.
- Do not steal.
- Do not lie.

These commandments showed God's people how to live.

But there was a problem.

Even though they knew the rules...

They still sinned.

They needed more than rules.

They needed changed hearts.

Leader:

Now let's fast-forward hundreds of years.

Jesus also climbed a mountain.

But was there thunder?

(Allow responses.)

No!

Was there smoke and fear?

No!

People gathered close to hear Him teach.

Jesus sat down and began teaching what we call:

The Sermon on the Mount.

(Read Matthew 5:1-2.)

And Jesus taught something surprising.

He said:

"You have heard it said, 'Do not murder.'"

That was one of God's commandments.

But then Jesus said:

"But I tell you, don't even hold anger in your heart."

Wow!

Jesus wasn't just talking about what we do.

He was talking about what is inside us.

Leader:

Then Jesus said:

"You have heard, 'Love your neighbor.'"

But Jesus taught:

"Love your enemies."

Pray for people who are mean to you.

Be merciful.

Forgive others.

Jesus was teaching that God wants more than people who follow rules.

God wants hearts that love Him.

Leader:

Let's compare Moses and Jesus!

When Moses went up the mountain...

Kids: God gave His law!

When Jesus went up the mountain...

Kids: Jesus taught God's heart!

Moses wrote God's law on...

Kids: Stone tablets!

Jesus writes God's truth on...

Kids: Our hearts!

Moses showed people how to live.

Jesus gives us the power to live God's way!

Leader:

Here's the most amazing part.

Jesus didn't come to erase God's law.

Jesus obeyed it perfectly!

Every command.

Every day.

He loved perfectly.

He obeyed perfectly.

And because of Jesus, we can have new hearts that love God too.

Leader:

So let me ask you:

Is being a Christian just about following rules?

(Pause.)

No!

It's about loving Jesus.

And when we love Jesus...

We want to obey Him.

Not because we have to.

But because He has changed our hearts.

Leader:

Let's practice.

When Mom asks you to help...

Kids: I obey with a loving heart!

When someone hurts your feelings...

Kids: I forgive like Jesus!

When it's hard to tell the truth...

Kids: I choose what is right!

When I make mistakes...

Kids: Jesus forgives me and helps me grow!

Leader:

Moses gave God's law on stone.

Jesus gives us God's love in our hearts.

And that changes everything.

Let's pray.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for being greater than Moses. Thank You for obeying perfectly and showing us what God's love looks like. Help us not just follow rules, but love You with all our hearts. Change us from the inside out so we can live like You every day. Amen.