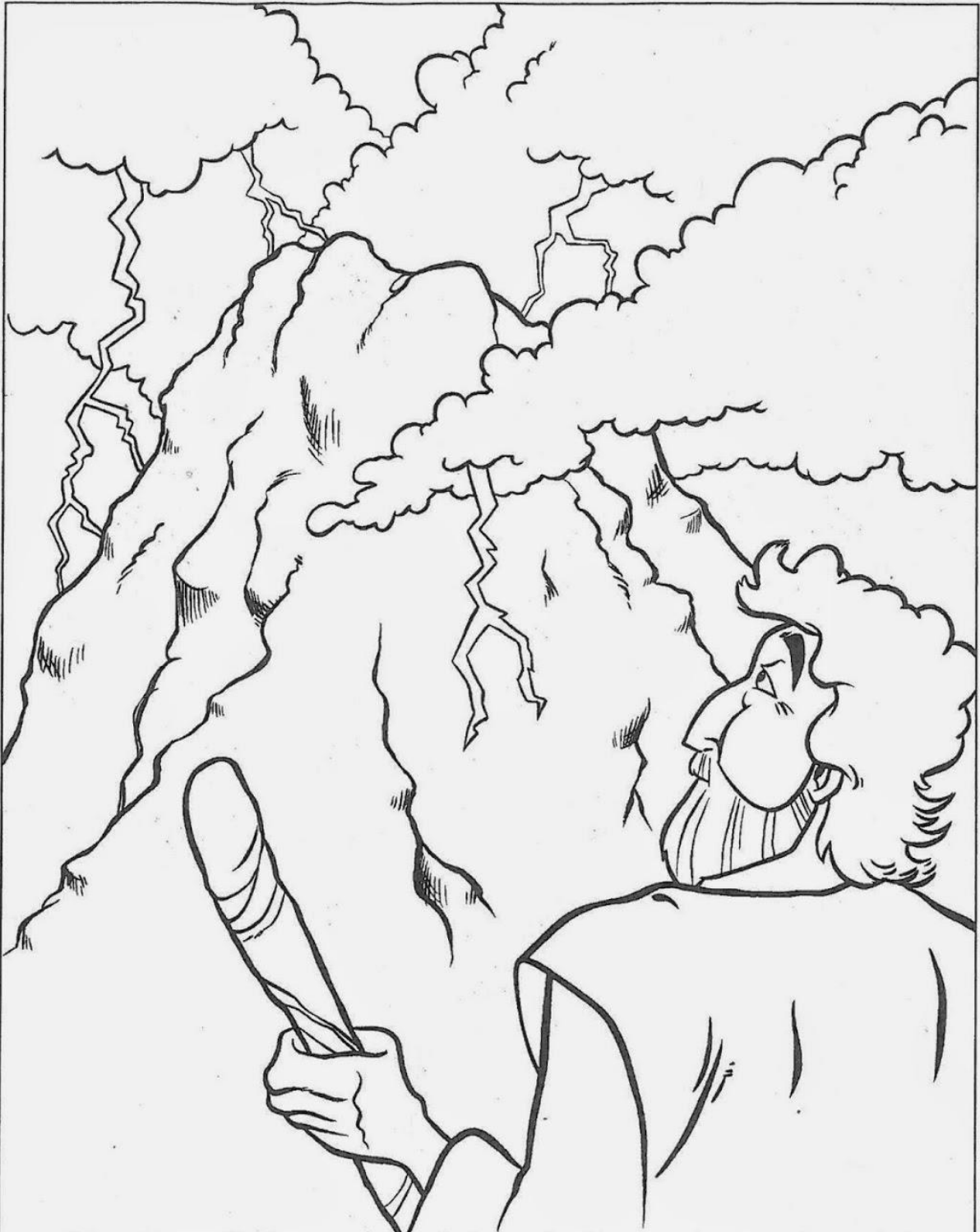


Carried on Wings of Love

Lesson 7 - Exodus 19

Lesson Aim	To help kids recognize that throughout their lives, God has lovingly brought us to Him.
Memory Verse	Galatians 19:5a - "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples... "
This week's story	Exodus 19 - On Eagles' Wings (vv. 3-6)
Main takeaways	<p>Although God is the maker of the moon and stars (the whole universe!), He chose a special people at a special time and brought them to Him - just like a mother eagle would carry her chicks. God carries us to be with Him too!</p> <p>The Israelites had been in the desert for a couple months when they came to Mt. Sinai. God led them as a pillar of cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night. They knew he was always there watching over them.</p> <p>Mt. Sinai is where God spoke to Moses through the burning bush. The Bible tells us God was there and that the mountain would shake and you could see fire. It might have been kind of scary.</p> <p>Only Moses could go up the mountain to see God. He had an encouraging message for the Israelites (Ex. 19:3-6), like a love note from a caring, wonderful father. His message let the Israelites know that of all the people in the world, He'd chosen them to be holy and special!</p>
Potential questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What stands out to you in that message from God?• Why do you think an awesome, powerful God sent such a beautiful, loving message to His people and to us?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you were there in the desert and saw Moses go up the mountain to listen to God and heard him come down with this message, what would you think?
Suggested Activity (Toddlers/Preschool)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handprint Eagle Craft - click here for instructions • Coloring Page - Mt. Sinai (<i>see attached</i>)
Suggested Activity (K-2nd grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handprint Eagle Craft - click here for instructions • Coloring Page - Mt. Sinai (<i>see attached</i>)
Suggested Activity (3rd-5th grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Really Cool Letter From God" (<i>see attached PDF</i>)



“Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly” (Exodus 19:18).

• If you were there in the desert and saw Moses go up the mountain to listen to God and then heard him come down with this message, what would you think?

Say: Just as he did with the Israelites, ★ God has lovingly brought each of us to him.

LIFE APPLICATION

Really Cool Letter From God

Say: You're going to have a chance to respond to God's message, right here, right now. Unlike some of our activities, this isn't going to be fun and rowdy. We're going to keep the same special, quiet tone that we did during our Bible story.

First we're going to make an easy, very cool journal.

Restore some of the lights in the room, but not all. Direct kids to the craft table where you've set out copies of the "Really Cool Letter From God" handout, scissors, straws or Pixy Stix candies, and pens.

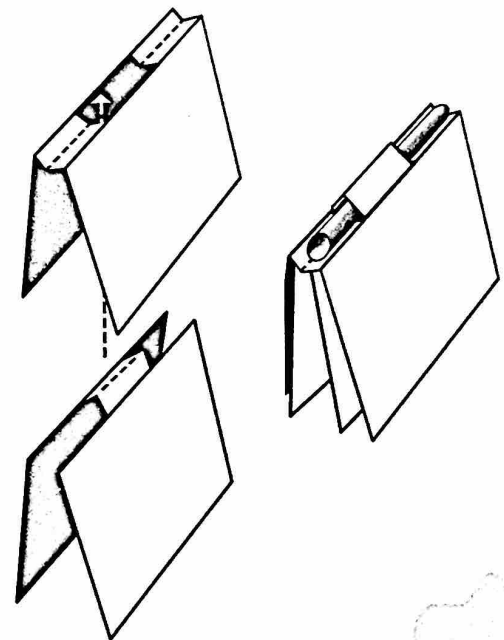
- ✓ Have kids write their names on the three blank lines on the handout.
- ✓ Show kids how to fold the halves of the journal at the center and cut away the darkened areas.
- ✓ Place the title page on the outside. Slip the center pages inside with the Exodus 19 passage as page 2.
- ✓ Weave a straw or Pixy Stix candy through the fold that's sticking up in the middle to form a spine.
- ✓ Smooth the other pages so the journal lies flat.
- ✓ If you have children use Pixy Stix candies, let them enjoy a couple of extras for treats.

Say: This is actually a very ancient way of putting books together. Now that your journals are together, please read through them and answer the questions very thoughtfully. When everyone has finished, I'll have something special for you to add to your journal.

As kids work, mingle among them, encouraging them to tell you about their answers.

Teacher Tip

To save time, you may want to cut apart the two pieces of this handout with a paper cutter ahead of time.



Teacher Tip

Have an assistant or an older child sit with younger children and help with reading and writing answers to the journal questions.

Really Cool Letter From God

HOW DO YOU KNOW GOD IS
CARRYING YOU AND
DRAWING YOU TO HIM?

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE
TO BE CARRIED BY AN EAGLE?

Cutaway

Cutaway

YOU KNOW HOW I CARRIED YOU.

ON EAGLES' WINGS AND BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF.
NOW IF YOU WILL OBEY ME AND KEEP MY COVENANT,

YOU WILL BE MY OWN SPECIAL TREASURE
FROM AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES ON EARTH;
FOR ALL THE EARTH BELONGS TO ME.

AND YOU, _____,
WILL BE [IN] MY KINGDOM OF PRIESTS,
MY HOLY NATION.

EXODUS 19:4-6

REALLY COOL
LETTER FROM GOD

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WHAT IS IT LIKE TO KNOW
YOU'RE PRECIOUS TO GOD?

HOW ARE YOU SHOWING GOD
THAT YOU LOVE HIM IN RETURN?

Cut on solid lines.