

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS
Sunday School Online Lesson Plan

THE GRUMBLING ISRAELITES
(God's Chosen People)

Dear Parents,

This lesson shows us how God was faithful to the rescued Israelites (Hebrews) despite their discontent. He continued to provide for their needs just like a good father does for his children.

To God be the Glory!

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Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS YOU TO READ THIS POEM:

Good Enough

God wants me to be myself
For He created me this way,
And since God made me who I am,
Myself I'm quite content to stay.

God doesn't care if I'm not cool –
If I'm not stronger or thinner;
In His hands I am a tool
To reach out to another sinner.

Though I am still young and small
In Jesus Christ I'm strong and tall;
So when people look at me
May it be God's own Son they see.

Belinda van Rensburgs

Introduction: Think back to Christmas last year and how excited you were on Christmas Eve. On a scale of 1-10, how excited were you when you opened all your presents the next morning? (with 10 being super excited!). Now, how many days **after Christmas** did it take you before you started to get bored and complained to your parents? (**When I was a young girl, it took me about 3 days**).

Imagine how they must have felt after giving you a wonderful Christmas. Was it hard for you to stay grateful for your gifts? (**It was for me. I wanted more to play with**). Well, the Israelites who escaped from slavery in Egypt were so excited to be free at last, but within 3 days they started complaining to Moses.

Let's watch a video about what happened next.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogfVBP35U-U>

For older children, have them also read EXODUS 19:1-9

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Where were the Israelites headed after they crossed the Red Sea?** (to the Promised Land)
- 2. Do you think the Israelites knew anything about the Promised Land?** (No, but Moses, their leader told them that was where God wanted them to make a new home).
- 3. How were they supposed to get to the Promised Land?** (by walking through the desert).
- 4. How did God provide for the Israelites in the desert?** (manna during the day and quail at night, plus water. Manna were little flakes that could be gathered and made into a bread. Quail are birds).
- 5. Do you think it was easy for them to cross the desert? Why not?**
- 6. Do you think the Israelites had a hard time getting along with each other?** (Oh yes, and Moses was trying to solve all their problems).

Then one day, God told Moses to gather all the people at the base of Mt. Sinai and then to come up the mountain to receive directions on how the people were to get along with each other.

- 7. What was the name of the directions that Moses brought down from the mountain?** (The 10 Commandments)

Here's a fun song called The 10 Commandments Boogie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hB5Gqo8Vo>

Please remember: The 10 Commandments were not just written for the Israelites. They were written for ALL OF US to follow, so that you and I would have a good life.

CONCLUSION: After the Israelites were told about the 10 Commandments, God told Moses that he wanted them to make a Holy Tent so the spirit of God could come into the tent and be close to His people. Inside the tent they were told to build a Holy Box that would contain the stone tablets that the 10 Commandments were written upon. And that's exactly what they did!

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY: God was very irritated with the Israelites because they complained SO MUCH to Moses and quarreled with each other as they walked through the desert. But God didn't give up on his children. He loved them and always took care of them, and He wanted to be near them, just as your parents do, even when they get upset with you.

Be sure to praise God and thank him EVERY DAY
for all the wonderful things he provides for you and your family.

**The Lord will keep you from all harm -
He will watch over your life.
Psalm 121:7**

Let's pray together. Repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank you for your awesome love.

Thank you for the ways you look out for us and protect us.

Show us the plans you have for our lives,

and keep your loving hand on me and my family always.

And Thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sins,
so that we can one day be in heaven
with you and our families, forever and ever.

You are an amazing God, and we thank you!

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Activity below:

Ten Commandments

Cut out the missing words and place them in the correct boxes to complete the commandments.

1. You shall have no other before Me.
2. You shall not make .
3. You shall not take the of the LORD your God in .
4. Remember the day, to keep it .
5. your and your mother.
6. You shall not adultery.
6. You shall not .
8. You shall not .
9. You shall not false against your .
10. You shall not .

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bear	commit	Honor	vain	neighbor
holy	gods	witness	murder	idols
name	covet	father	Sabbath	steal