

# SKY

Learning Obedience  
Series 1—Lesson 4

# StoryTime



God Said It...  
**I Will Do It!**

Primary 3–7

Bible Text:  
Exodus 19:1–6; 20:12,18

Lesson Aim:  
To help students know that it is the Creator God who requires us to honor our father and mother.

Memory Verse:  
“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 5:12).

Words to Learn:

- Honor
- Respect

Always Close in Prayer

## The Teacher's Bible Study

**W**hen God spoke to the Israelites from Sinai, He gave them the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17). It is true that the full covenant made with Israel at Sinai also contained other rules, regulations, and commands (Exodus 20–24). Yet the only code spoken directly to the people, rather than through Moses, and written on the tables of stone placed in the Ark of the Covenant, was the code of the Ten Commandments. The vital importance of these ten major precepts to our culture has been recognized even by historians who see nothing unique in the Old Testament as a religious document.

Those that denigrate the law to “nice” but not “required” miss the point completely. They do not understand the foundational principle of the Law, the principle of love and all that it entails—respect, fairness, kindness, and honor. The law is a guidebook, or “operating manual,” that reflects God’s own nature. It was never intended to be a redemptive device.

The law is not flawed; it is mankind’s nature under the influence of sin that is defective. Because of this weakness mankind HAD TO have a Savior! For unlike the instinctive behavior that dictates the lives of animals, birds, and fish, mankind’s behavior is LEARNED. We make choices! WE make the choices of how we will live our lives. And God’s Law is a PERFECT counsel.

Christ specifically listed FIVE of the Ten Commandments (the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Commandments) when He told the young rich man, “If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). He also pointed out that the Ten Commandments teach two basic objectives: (1) how to love, worship, and honor God, and (2) how to love others (Matthew 19:16–22; Mark 10:17–22; Luke 18:18–23). Indeed, Jesus summarized the two basic objectives of the Ten Commandments when He

answered the Pharisee's question (Matthew 22:36–40).

### God First Loved Us

In this lesson we concentrate on the Fifth Commandment because of its fundamental nature. Just as God loves us *first*—the human parent begins to deeply love the baby that has not even been born.

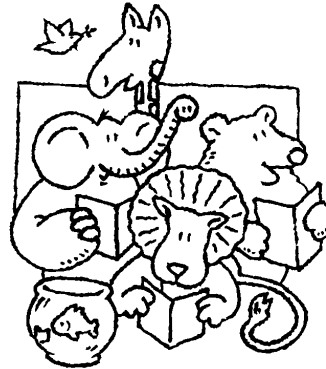
The parent's love is there from the beginning and the tiny baby learns reciprocal love through interaction. This *loving* and *honorable* relationship between parent and child becomes the strongest and most enduring of all. Children learn love through the love that is shown to them.

God requires parents to BE HONORABLE for their children. "Do as I say, but not as I do" is NOT good parenting. How can a lesson about honesty be taught if the teacher is not honest?

How can we ever come to show respect and love toward God if we cannot show respect and honor to loving parents?

We honor our parents by being kind, and speaking respectfully to them and about them. By honoring our parents, we learn to respect authority in general. It is a primary step in learning to respect and love our heavenly Father. □

## Simple as 1,2,3...



### Additional Reading for Teacher Study

Romans 7:7–25

1 John 4:1-21

Psalm 68:4–10

### Are You Listening?

*After you read or tell the story you may ask the following questions*

1. What is the name of the instructions which God wrote on two tables of stone?—*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS*
2. *True or false:* It is a serious thing to God if you do not show love and respect to your parents?—*TRUE*
3. Did the big mountain appear to be on fire?—*YES*
4. Did a trumpet sound very loud?—*YES*
5. Did the people want God to talk to them?—*NO*
6. *True or false:* The first four commandments teach us how to show our love toward God—*TRUE*
7. *True or False:* The last six commandments teach us how to love others—*TRUE*

### Word Definitions

These definitions were taken from *Webster's New World Dictionary*:

- **Honor**—To prize and treat as valuable
- **Respect**—to show politeness, and courtesy to

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**M**oses was the man God used to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and away from slavery. It was Moses's job to lead the Israelites to a new place to live. They journeyed through the wilderness and were to eventually arrive in the land of Canaan which was known as a land of milk and honey.

As they traveled, they complained most of the way. They were not happy people. Moses led them to the foot of a mountain called Mount Sinai. God told him it was there that He would talk to the people.

Moses went up into the mountain to talk with God. Moses had learned how important it was to do this a lot! He needed the strength and encouragement he always found when he talked to God. It made him feel better.

God told him to give the people some special instructions because in three days God HIMSELF would speak to the people! Not only would this spectacular event show the people God's power and presence, but it would make an unforgettable image in their minds for a LONG TIME to come. Remember how the Israelites had a "little difficulty" in

remembering things? They "forgot" real easy.

## The Mountain's on fire!

Moses came down and told them what God had said to him. The Israelites followed the instructions Moses gave them, and began to prepare to meet with God. Moses led them out of the camp to the foot of the mountain.

On the third day in the early morning, a heavy, dark cloud covered the mountain. Lightning flashed across the sky like giant fingers of fire. The thunder boomed and sounded like the mountain was crashing down upon them. The ground trembled under their feet. The sounds hurt their ears and the great mountain appeared to be on fire—with smoke billowing up, up, up into the sky! Then the sound of a trumpet pierced the air—it grew louder, and louder, and louder still!

The Great God was here!

The people were terrified and begged for Moses—not God—to talk to them. "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, or we'll die!" It's sad to see how little they understood.

They lacked faith. They did not show respect, trust, or

honor to God.

This powerful Being moved mountains, moved walls of water, controlled lightning, and His voice sounded like thunder!

He was not like the familiar gods of Egypt carved out of stone. Those stone “gods” had to be carried about on the shoulders of men! This mighty God moved the ground that THEY walked on!

### Nothing Lasts Like Rock

Moses went up into the mountain—all the way to the top! God wrote His instructions on two tablets of stone and gave these stone tablets to Moses. He told him to give them to the children of Israel. God had PERSONALLY written the instructions for His people to use in their lives. Isn't that wonderful? These instructions are called the Ten Commandments.

The first four of the commandments tell us how to honor and worship God—they show us how to SHOW OUR LOVE to God. The final six show us how to love each other.

The Fifth Commandment tells us to honor and show love to our parents.

This commandment says, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”

This is a direct command from God! God shows us how important this is to Him. To honor means to love, respect,

and to be thankful for your parents.

The children of Israel failed to understand how much God loved them. They constantly complained. They disobeyed God. They dishonored God. They were often not thankful for the blessings of God. They were not a very happy people and they were in BIG TROUBLE a lot!

### Let's Talk About It...

It should not be hard to honor our parents. They work very hard to take care of us because they love us very much—they will love us all our lives.

Do you honor your father and mother? What do you do to show them love and respect?

God says it is a VERY SERIOUS thing to not show our love and respect toward our parents. For God knows that if we can't love and honor our parents we will have difficulty loving others. □

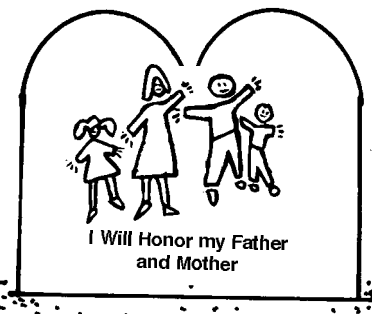
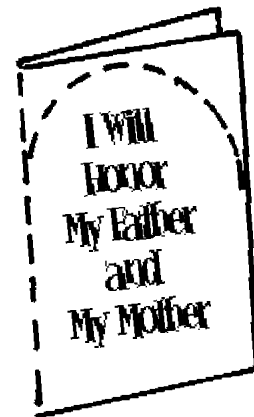
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### Crafty Idea

**F**old the construction or lightweight poster board in half. Cut so that it looks like a tablet. Have your students draw and color a picture of a family and write “I will honor my father and my mother” underneath the picture. On the front have the student write, “The Fifth Commandment.” □

## Crafty Ideas

I Will Honor  
My Father  
and Mother



### Materials To Use:

- 8 1/2 " Lightweight poster board (be light colors)
- Crayon, felt tip pen
- Scissors