Lesson 3
God's Covenant Confirmed

Objective

Study Exodus 24: See that Moses read the laws to the people and that God allowed Moses and some others to see His presence on the mountain.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- Covenant Confirmed Activity Sheet – one per student
- Covenant Confirmed Visual Aid – one for teacher to show students
- Moses Song Sheet – one for every two students and yourself to share

- Bibles – enough for everyone to have one
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Attendance Chart

Optional Supplies

- Red Tissue Paper or Ribbon – some for each student
- Cotton Balls – some for each student
- Glue sticks – to share
- Flashlight – either real or you can use your phone
- Snack: Candy treats (check for allergies) – 2 per student

*One treat will be for the action game if you chose to play it, and use the other for snack time.

- Napkin – one each per student

Teacher Tips

★ See Lesson One to Review

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance.

Share with students: **We are continuing our study of the Israelites today and the account of Moses as they camped at Mount Sinai. But first I have some questions:**

What are some things you can't touch or maybe see but still know are real? Let students answer. Examples if they need help: air, shadows, warmth, love, laughter, etc.

Have you ever walked in sand or mud and looked back and saw your footprints? It showed you had been there. You and others could SEE the footprints, but if someone looked only at the footprints, did they actually SEE YOU? No.

Well today we will see that God let Moses and others experience God's presence without actually SEEING God. Remember God is Spirit, (Jesus tells us that in John 4:24), so no human has ever seen God the Father. But just like seeing the wind, love, footprints, and shadows, we can see the presence of someone or something without actually seeing them. We will also see that the Israelites agreed to all the laws God gave and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."

***Note:** If students still have questions about actually being able to see God show them the following verses: The Bible states and confirms that no man has seen God at any time – Exodus 33:20-23, John 1:18, and 1 John 4:12. We know that God is a Spirit (John 4:24), so no one has seen God in spirit form. But God has manifested Himself in physical ways so that men could "see" Him but not His full glory.

Can anyone remember what we studied last week, something about an Angel? We studied that God sent an Angel to guide them and prepare the land for the Israelites, IF the Israelites obeyed and followed.

Before we start, we will sing a song. Hand out one set of song lyrics to every two students. To hear how the song sounds, you can click or copy the link on the song

sheet or go to Sundayschoolbiblelessonsforkids.com and go to the Kids Songs tab, then Moses. Sing **We Will Listen and Obey** once or twice.

We Will Listen and Obey
(To the tune: Old MacDonald had a Farm)

We will Listen and Obey,
Yes Lord, Yes we will.
We will Listen and Obey,
Yes Lord, Yes we will.
With a Yes Lord here and a Yes Lord there
Here a Yes, there a Yes, Everywhere a Yes! Yes!
We will Listen and Obey,
Yes Lord, Yes we will.

2) Class Time - God's Covenant Confirmed 10-20 minutes

Hand out Bibles. Have visual aid ready.

Ask students to turn to **Exodus 24:1-7** ask for a volunteer to read, or read yourself. Show visual aid to students while reading.

Questions:
Who did God say could come up and see Him? Moses, Aaron, Aaron's two sons – Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders.
We will learn more about Nadab and Abihu in later lessons.

What did the people say in response to the words Moses told them? All the LORD has said we will do.
What was the name of the book Moses wrote the laws in? The Book of the Covenant.
What did Moses do early in the morning? Built an altar with 12 stones and had the young men offer sacrifices on it.

Read **Exodus 24:8-14.**

Questions:
What did Moses do with some of the blood from the sacrifices? Sprinkled it on the people to confirm the covenant God had made with the people.
Back then, a promise or deal was not confirmed unless there was blood. So this was something normal for them to do. We do not need to do that today. Jesus was the final blood sacrifice.

What did Moses and the others who went to visit God do with God? Ate and drank and God allowed them.

Remember they didn't SEE God, they saw a form or representation of Him since God is Spirit. So no man has seen God in His full spiritual form. But God has manifested Himself in some physical forms so that men could see God without "seeing" Him. Just like the shadow or a footprint as an example. These men saw God in a physical manifestation since we while on earth are limited by physical laws of nature. We can't see spiritual things. Does that make sense?

What did God say He had for Moses? Tablets of stone with the law and commands of God written on them for the Israelites instruction.

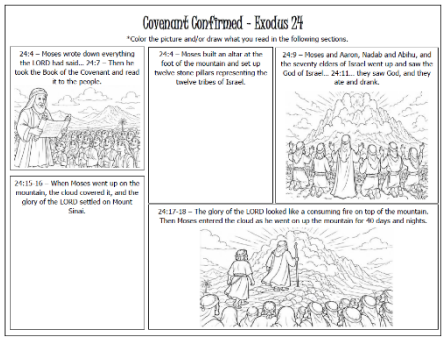
Read **Exodus 24:15-18**

What happened? When Moses came up the mountain, a cloud covered the mountain and the glory of the LORD settled on it. God called to Moses and Moses entered the cloud on the seventh day and stayed on the mountain forty days and nights. The glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire to the Israelites.

So we see that God proved He was able to take care of the Israelites by providing the Angel to guide them and by providing laws to help them know what to do. God proved His power by showing His presence on the mountain with smoke and fire. God showed the Israelites they could trust Him by earlier supplying food, water and safety. And God told the Israelites if they obeyed Him, they would be blessed with land.

Allow for questions. You can contact Sundayschoolbiblelessonsforkids@protonmail.com if you need any help.

3) Activity – God's Covenant Confirmed 20-30 minutes



Prep

Hand out one sheet to each student along with pencils and crayons. If possible, have red strips of tissue paper or similar, and some cotton balls with glue sticks so students on page 2 can add some "fire and clouds" on the mountain.

Activity

Go through the questions and activities as a group, reading the questions aloud and help as needed so everyone can participate.

Say: **We are going to capture the events that took place in Exodus 24 by creating a "comic strip". I want you to color the pictures that you do see, and then draw the missing pictures that match the words in each box. I will read each box and then you can color or draw so you have a comic strip of today's events.**

While students draw and color ask the following:
What does the story we read in Exodus 24 teach us today?
Should we obey God? Yes!
Do we see God today like Moses did? No.
How do we "see" God today? In His Word, the church, in all things good and wonderful, etc. We see the evidence of Him, like the wind blowing through the trees, without actually needing to SEE Him.
How do we know what God wants for us so we can obey Him? We study the Bible.
If we say we will obey God and then don't – do you think He knows? Yes.
What are some ways we can please and obey God this week? Let students answer.
How did you please and obey God this morning? Coming to Sunday School!
While they color, ask them where the altar with the 12 stones would have been on the top or the base of the mountain? The base of the mountain.
How many people got to go part way up the mountain with Moses? Can you remember any of their names or numbers? Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, the 70 elders (and it says in verse 13 - Joshua, Moses assistant).

Who went up all the way to the top of the mountain to be with God in the cloud/consuming fire? Moses (and Joshua his assistant).

Answers:
Match the Picture
1. Ate food
2. Book of Covenant – Scroll
3. Mountain
4. Stones
5. Clouds
6. Fire
7. Moses

4) Optional Game: Voice of Obedience 5-10 minutes

Prep
Have a candy treat, sticker, or some small prize available for each student who listens. Have students line up against one wall with lots of room to get to the other side, you can go outside if safe and clean to do so. Each student must be touching the wall or be behind a line to start.

Tell them: **Where I am standing is the top of the mountain. When I give a command, you must move forward or backward doing exactly what I say. Anyone who makes a mistake or doesn't follow will have to start again. The goal is to get to me** (show them a pretend line at your feet going from left to right). **You don't have to touch me but walk past the area I am standing. The first one here wins. If I yell, "Freeze!" then you must stop and not move until I give the next command. If you move you must go back to the start line. Remember you must only do what I say to do, if you don't you go back to the start line and have to start from there. This is to remind us that God says we need to follow Him and His Words. The Israelites said they would do as God says, can you?**

Go through the following commands, you can change the order or commands as needed.
Clap twice. Jump up and down 3 times. Take 2 large steps forward. Freeze! Take 5 steps on your tip-toes. Sit down. Stand up. Reach to the sky. Freeze!

Take 1 large step backwards. Take three tiny steps forward. Pat your head. Freeze!
Hop towards me 4 times. Turn around in a full circle. Jump up and down 10 times. Freeze!
Take 2 hops forward. Take 1 small step backward. Clap three times. Hop on one foot. Freeze!

For everyone who tried to listen, give them a treat. Even if they had to go back to the start, if they tried to follow give them a treat. Say: **God prepares a special place and blessings for those who follow Him. Our special place will be heaven! This reward is to remind you of God's love and promises for those who are willing to obey!**

Keep playing until someone goes past you. If you have time, let the winner of the last game, be the leader for the next game.

5) Optional Activity: See God's Glory 1-5 minutes

Prep
Have students sit. Then dim the classroom by shutting off the lights. Have your phone flashlight, or a flashlight ready to turn on and have it pointing at the ceiling. Ensure the room is dim but not pitch black.

Activity
Say: **Just like God showed His presence on the mountain with fire and cloud, we can pretend by looking at the flashlight's glow on the ceiling. This light reminds us of God's glory resting on Mount Sinai. If you are willing to only point the flashlight at the ceiling and no where else, you can each take a turn holding it while I read Exodus 24:15-17**.

What are some ways that help you remember or notice God is near us, even though we can't actually SEE Him? Let students answer.

Though we may not witness blazing fire today, we see God in the lives of the church, the Bible, the example of His Son Jesus whom people really did see and experience, and we can see God in the answers to prayers, guidance and love, and anything that is good and right.

6) Optional Memory Verse

For the next few weeks, have the students go to **Leviticus 22:31** in their Bibles and read the verse aloud as a class 2 times. If desired, have a few reward treats for those who can memorize the Bible verse over the following weeks.

Leviticus 22:31
So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord.

Other options include:

- You saying a phrase and have students repeat a few times before working on the next phrase.
- Have students repeat after each other.
- Ask students to think of hand gestures for each section of the verse.

7) Closing Prayer

**Before the prayer, make sure the activities have been cleaned up. Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share and if so write them down.

Dear God, Thank You for taking care of the Israelites and showing us that You are wise and loving and will take care of us too! We pray that we will remember to always obey the Lord and to do what You say. Forgive us when we forget or don't obey and help us to remember how wonderful it is when we do obey You Lord. May we follow Your Word.

Thank You for every student here today and for those who may be away traveling or because of illness. Bring them back safely. Help those in need and help us to be kind to everyone we meet. Thank You for Your help, Your love and for being our Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

8) Optional Snack: Trail Mix 5 minutes

You've all done a great job this morning.
To help us remember what we learned, we are going to have a snack. Hand out candy treat(s) with napkins available. Explain that: **God has plans and good things prepared for each of us when we walk with Him. This treat reminds us of the good things God has in store for us when and as we follow Him. Just**

like the Israelites we need to hear the Word of God and be willing to do what He says. I hope you choose to!

Provide a napkin. Discuss and review questions while snacking.

Any questions about today's lesson? Let students ask.
What was the favorite thing you learned or did today? Why?

9) Things to Remember

Thank students for coming.
Take their activity sheets home.
Make sure students leave with a responsible person.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!