

Lesson 3: Covenant Confirmed

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study Exodus 24 and see that Moses read the laws to the people and they said they'd obey.
- 2) Study that God allowed Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (Aaron's sons) and the seventy elders to see His presence on the mountain.
- 3) Make a poster to remember all the things they learned in Exodus 24.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Moses on the Mountain Color Page – one per student
- Covenant Confirmed Poster – one per student

Optional:

- Trust and Obey Song Lyrics – a few sheets to share while singing
- Storybook or visuals of this story to show kids (if available)

Snack:

- Trail Mix (check for nut or gluten allergies first) handful for each child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

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

Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Once children are seated say:

Does anyone remember what we studied last week? We studied that God said He would send an Angel to prepare the way for the Israelites and that they would go into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites and that God would wipe these nations out from the Israelites, **if** the Israelites obeyed and followed God. God warned them to obey and if they did He would bless them and protect them.

This week we will continue to study the Israelites and see that God prepares a covenant or promise with them that includes Moses writing all the words God spoke into the Book of the Covenant and that Moses and some other people got to see God and eat with Him on Mount Sinai.

*Note: 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. See <http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=13&article=2682> for a more detailed discussion if you would like.

2) God's Covenant Confirmed with Blood

10-15 minutes

Optional: Storybook or visuals of this story to show kids (if available)

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to **Exodus 24**. Ask for a volunteer to read from **Exodus 24:1-7** or read yourself.

Questions:

Who did God say could come up and see Him? Moses, Aaron, Aaron's two sons – Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders.

What did the people say in response to the words Moses told them? Everything the LORD has said we will do.

What was the name of the book Moses wrote all the laws down 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.

What did Moses and the others who could see God do with God? Ate and drank and God allowed them. The Bible tells us in Exodus 33:20-23, John 1:18, and 1 John 4:12 that no man has seen God.

Is God Spirit or physical? God is Spirit (John 4:24)

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" God in full form.

These men say God in a physical manifestation since we while on earth and limited by physical laws of nature, can't see spiritual things. Does that make sense?

Allow for questions, see article link above if students ask a lot of questions and get back to them next week with the answers if you are unable from the Bible to give the answers this week.

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**

Questions:

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.

Ask the students if they have any questions before moving on to the next activity.

3) Moses on the Mountain Color Page

10-15 minutes

Hand out one page to each child of Moses on the Mountain color page along with crayons. Discuss any questions and review what they learned while coloring.

Ask the students: What does the story we read in Exodus 24 teach us today?

Should we obey God?

Do we see God today like Moses did?

How do we "see" God today?

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?

What are some ways we can please and obey God this week?

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 – the base of the mountain.

How many people got to go part way up the mountain with Moses? 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).

4) Covenant Confirmed Poster Activity

15 minutes

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to Exodus 24. Say to them, we are going to capture the events that took place in Exodus 24 by creating a "comic strip" or poster of events. In each box on the poster there is a verse that shares what happened in Chapter 24 of Exodus. We will read the verse(s) aloud and then I want you to draw a picture that helps you understand the event that took place.

Help students by reading each section aloud. If needed help them come up with ideas for drawing in each box the event that happened.

5) Optional – Snack: Trail Mix

5 minutes

Hand out some trail mix to each child along with a glass of water or juice to each child. *Ensure no child has a nut or gluten allergy beforehand. Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss any questions while snacking.

6) Optional – Trust and Obey Song

5 minutes

Hand out song lyrics for children to share of the song – Trust and Obey.

Sing the song once or twice and remind students that we need to, "do everything the LORD has said." Exodus 24:7.

7) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank God that He took care of the Israelites and He will take care of us too! Pray that we will remember to always obey the Lord and to do what He says. Forgive us when we forget or don't obey and help us to remember how wonderful it is when we do obey you Lord. Thank the Lord for every student here today and for those who may be away traveling or because of illness. In Jesus' name, Amen.