

## Lesson 8: Moses Radiant Face and the New Tablets

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Study Exodus 34 and see that with God's help, Moses re-made the Ten Commandments on the stone tablets.
- 2) Study that when Moses had spoken with God, he had a radiant face that caused fear in the Israelites.
- 3) See that we too can be a light shining in the world today – not a shiny face, but a glowing loving heart thanks to Jesus!

### Supplies:

#### Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Moses Radiant Face Craft Template – one per student
- Scissors to share
- Draw your Own Picture of Moses Radiant Face Sheet – one per student

### Optional:

- Song lyrics to Ten Commandment Song –one per student
- Storybook or visuals of this story to show kids (if available)

### Snack:

- Two Cheese Slices – Shaped like Stone Tablets two per 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 Moses wanted to see God's glory and God passed by him, but covered Moses face with his hand as He passed by so as to not let Moses die for seeing God's face as He passed.

**This week we will continue to study Moses and the Israelites and their relationship with God. We will see that Moses and God make new tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments on them and that Moses face shines and is radiant because he had spoken to the Lord God.**

#### 2) The Stone Tablets

10 minutes

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to Exodus 34. Ask for volunteers to read from **Exodus 34:1-9** or read yourself.

### Questions:

**Who was to chisel out the stones?** Moses

**Who would write the words?** God.

**What did God say about Himself in verse 6-7?** God was compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, full of love and faithfulness, forgiving, and just.

**How do we know God is forgiving and loving, keeping in mind what the Israelites had just recently done?** They had made a false god and worshipped it. God in His kindness did not destroy the whole nation because of it – even though He thought about it and wanted to.

**How did God show His love for us through Jesus?** He sent His only son to die on the cross so we could have forgiveness of sins. John 3:16.

Read **Exodus 34:10-28**

**What did God remind them of?** His promise of taking them to the promised land of Canaan and driving out the people that were already there so the Israelites could live in peace and blessing if they obeyed the Lord. He also reminded them not to make idols or treaties with other nations and to celebrate the required feasts and rest on the Sabbath to name a few.

**How long did Moses stay this time with God?** 40 days and nights.

**Did Moses eat during that time?** No

**How could he not eat?** Because God provided and sustained him in a way that was better than food and drink. This same thing happened to Jesus after He was baptized. He was sent to the desert and did not eat for 40 days or nights. (See Luke 4:1-2) God is able to provide even when we can't understand how – How amazing!

**What did they complete at the end?** The Ten Commandments re-written on stone tablets.

### 3) Moses Radiant Face

10 minutes

Now turn to **Exodus 34** and read **verses 29-35** then ask:

**Questions:**

**Why was Moses face radiant?** Because He had spoken with God.

**Why were the Israelites afraid to come near Moses?** Because of his radiant face.

**What did he tell them in verse 32?** All the commands the Lord had given him.

**What did Moses do with the veil?** Wore it when in the presence of the Israelites, but removed it in the presence of God.

**The Israelites knew that Moses was with God by his radiant face. When we are baptized and receive the Holy Spirit do we get a radiant face?** No.

**How do we show that God is with us? Let's turn to Matthew 5:14-16 to see what Jesus says about showing our light to others.**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**How do we show a radiant face?** We do good deeds and let others know it is because of God that we do those good deeds.

**By lighting the world we share the good news of Jesus to everyone we meet. We can't just "be" a Christian we have to act like Christ – telling others about the good news of the Bible and doing good things for others.**

Jesus also says in **John 3:16-21**

### John 3:16-21

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**Jesus is the light - if we love the light we will choose to live in truth and we will be light as well and enjoy the benefits of having Jesus' light in our lives!**

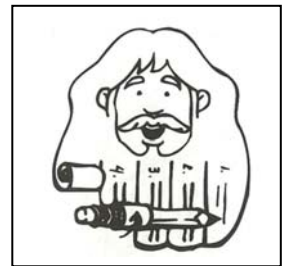
**We too can be a light shining in the world today - not a shiny face, but a glowing heart thanks to Jesus. Let's remember to let our light's shine by doing kind and good things this week in what we say and do and let people know it is because of Jesus!**

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

#### 4) Moses Radiant Face Craft Page

15-20 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each child. Say to students: **To help us remember that it should not only be Moses who had a radiant face, but we too should be radiant in our lives with others; we are going to make a Moses face. Listen while I read the instructions on the sheet and then you can do the craft while I hand out scissors and crayons.** Read the directions, hand out crayons and scissors, and help students as needed cut out, color and make a Moses face.



Talk about each detail of Moses life while they make the craft. Discuss how Moses showed the Israelites his love for God that we have been studying so far.

#### 5) Draw Your Own Picture of Moses Radiant Face Sheet

5-15 minutes

Hand out one page to each child along with markers or pencil crayons. Have them each draw a picture of Moses and what his face might have looked like when it was radiant. Discuss questions and remind them of how today we won't have a shiny face, but people should see our "light" as we serve Jesus and God.

#### 6) Optional: Ten Commandments Song

2-5 minutes

Hand out one song lyric to each child from the printed template. Sing the song and practice it to help the children memorize the order and condensed version of the 10 Commandments. You can let them keep the songs if they want to practice over the week to help them remember the 10 commandments that they studied last quarter.

**Exodus 20 "Ten Commandments"** (To the tune of Jingle Bells)

No other gods, no idols

Don't misuse God's name.

Keep the Sabbath holy, that's God's special day, HEY!

Honor your Mother and Father

Don't murder, lust or steal

No false tales, no envy this is God's great deal, HEY!

### **7) Optional – Snack: 2 Cheese Slices in Tablet Shape**

**5 minutes**

Hand out two slices of cheese to each child along with a glass of water or juice. State that **this week we learned that while Moses was with God, they rewrote the stone tablets after Moses had broken the first set because of the Israelites disobedience. Let's recite the 10 commandments as we eat our Stone Tablet Cheese slices from Exodus 20.**

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss any questions while snacking.

### **8) 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 we have God and Jesus in our life with the help of the Holy Spirit when we are baptized. Pray that we will be a light to others and let our radiance shine when we tell others about God. Not a radiant face like Moses – but a radiant life from knowing and obeying God and doing good deeds for others. And, we pray that people will want to learn about You when they see You working in our lives in the way we act and behave. We also pray that we will remember to tell others about how wonderful You are and invite them to church. In Jesus precious and holy name, Amen.