

# The Ten Commandments

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 21**.

The Book of Exodus describes the events of the Hebrews' departure from Egypt.

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Moses was a Hebrew shepherd who once saw fire flaming out of a bush. After approaching the bush, Moses heard God's voice coming from it. God told Moses that he had chosen him to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.

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At first, Pharaoh refused to free the Hebrews. God then sent plagues upon the Egyptians, each one greater than the previous one. Pharaoh finally agreed to release the Hebrews.

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Pharaoh sent his soldiers to recapture the released slaves. God directed Moses to part the waters of the Red Sea. After the Hebrews had crossed the sea safely, the waters flowed over the Egyptian soldiers, who had tried to follow the Hebrews.

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God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Hebrews agreed to follow the Ten Commandments, which are instructions for how to live in relationship with God and with one another.

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Living as God wants us to live requires that we carefully examine our decisions, because the choices we make affect our relationship with God and with others.

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We remain faithful to God by making good moral choices.

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A covenant is a special agreement. The Hebrews made a Covenant with God when they agreed to live in relationship with God and with one another according to God's instructions.

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