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Exodus 20

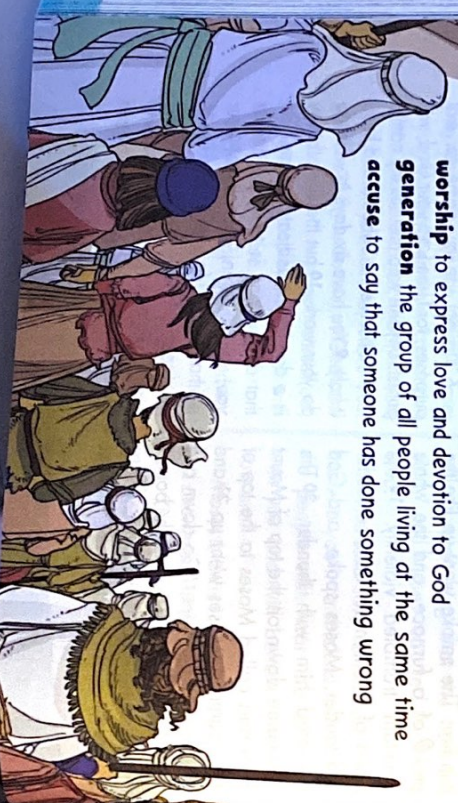
God Gives His People the Ten Commandments



Exodus 20:2-3, 6-8, 12-17 (For the full story, read Exodus 19:16-20:17.)

2 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves. 3 **Worship** no god but me. 6 I show my love to thousands of **generations** of those who love me and obey my laws. 7 Do not use my name for evil purposes. . . . 8 Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. 12 Respect your father and your mother. . . . 13 Do not commit murder. 14 Do not commit adultery. 15 Do not steal. 16 Do not **accuse** anyone falsely. 17 Do not desire another man's house; . . . his wife, his slaves, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns."

worship to express love and devotion to God
generation the group of all people living at the same time
accuse to say that someone has done something wrong



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Understand It!

Your parents have rules like "Don't play in the street" and "Wash your hands before you eat." These rules keep you safe and happy. Like a loving Father, God gave Moses ten rules that are called the Ten Commandments. God did this to keep his people safe and happy.

The first three commandments teach us how to love God. They tell us to believe in God and to treat his name with respect. They teach us to love God by keeping one day a week holy. This means going to Mass on Sunday. The next seven commandments teach us how to love other people. They tell us to obey our parents, to tell the truth, to never take other people's things, and to never hurt someone else. Following the Ten Commandments will prepare us to live with God forever in Heaven.

Live It!

Children follow God's commandments in many ways.

- For example:
- They pray and use God's name in the right way.
 - They go to Mass, obey their parents, and treat others kindly.
 - They tell the truth and don't take what belongs to others.
- Ask God to help you follow his commandments today and every day.

Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell the reading in your own words.

