



# MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

## Story Script

First and Second Levels (Session 1)

## An active retelling of the Bible story of The Ten Commandments

*People and Props needed:*

*People: Moses, Aaron, Golden calf, God.*

*Props:*

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| • Washing Powder (cleansing) | • Paper lightning bolt (lightning)                   |
| • Clothes                    | • Drum (thunder)                                     |
| • White towel (cloud)        | • Child's trumpet/hooter<br>(ram's horn)             |
| • Skipping rope (boundary)   | • Red towel (fire)                                   |
| • Copy of 10 Commandments    | • Actual stones or cut out shapes<br>(Stone tablets) |
| • Jewellery                  | • Swords   |
| • Chair (Mountain)           |  |

*Give out roles and props before you begin. Get pupils to hold up props/act out (e.g. climbing the mountain) at appropriate points in the story. Explain that everyone else in the room are the Israelites.*

### Moses and The 10 Commandments

[If you haven't done the recap of the story so far. If for example you're working with a younger class introduce the story by telling the class 'when this story happened the people who believed in God were called Israelites. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt but God had rescued them. Now they were travelling in the desert.']

The Israelites set up camp at the base of Mount Sinai.

Moses climbed the mountain to talk to God.

*Ask Moses to 'climb the mountain' by climbing onto a chair.*

The Lord called to him 'Give these instructions to the Israelites. You know what I did to the Egyptians, you know how I looked after you. If you obey me and keep my covenant you will be my special treasure. My special people.'

Moses went back down the mountain...

*Ask Moses to come back down from the chair.*

and told everyone what the Lord had said. The people agreed to keep God's commandments. Moses went back up the mountain to tell God.

*Moses goes back up onto the chair.*

The Lord said 'I will come to speak to you all. Get ready for my arrival. Purify yourselves and wash your clothes. Mark a boundary around the mountain.' So Moses went down and told the people.

*Moses comes back down off the chair.*

They washed their clothes and were purified.

*Everyone pretends.*

They marked a boundary around the mountain so no-one would get too close to God.

*Pop a skipping rope around the chair.*

On the third day. Thunder roared.

*Beat drum.*

Lightening flashed.

*Hold up lightening.*

Cloud covered the mountain.

*White towel put over chair.*

There was a long blast on the Ram's horn.

*The 'trumpet' is blown.*

The people trembled.

*Everyone trembles.*

They all heard God's voice giving instructions

*Ask 'God' to read these out.*

- *Have no other God but me*

- *Make no idols*

- *Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God*
- *Remember the Sabbath*
- *Honour your father and mother and you will live a long life*
- *Do not murder*
- *Do not commit adultery*
- *Do not steal*
- *Do not lie*
- *Do not be jealous of your neighbour.*

Moses went up the mountain for more instructions.  
*Moses climbs back onto the chair.*

Moses was up the mountain for a long time! The Lord talked to him and it looked to the Israelites like there was fire at the top of the mountain.  
*Red towel brought forward.*

God wrote the rules on tablets of stone and gave them to Moses.  
*God gives the 'stone tablets' to Moses.*

Moses was on the mountain for 40 days and nights. The people got bored.  
*Everyone yawn and look bored.*

They spoke to Moses brother Aaron 'What's happened to Moses? Can you make us a new god?' So Aaron asked for all their gold jewellery, melted it down and made a gold calf.  
*Jewellery is given to Arraon.*  
*'calf' comes forward and becomes a calf!*

The people worshipped the gold calf.  
*Everyone says 'Thanks for rescuing us!'*

God told Moses to go down the mountain quick saying I will destroy them. Moses begged him not to and God changed his mind. Moses took the two tablets down the mountain.  
*Moses goes down from the chair.*

Moses threw the stone tablets on the floor smashing them.

*Moses throw 'stone tablets' onto floor.*

He burned the gold calf.

*Calf collapses.*

He told all those who were on the Lord's side to join him and then asked them to kill the others. The next day Moses went back up the mountain and begged for forgiveness.

*Moses goes back up onto the chair.*

And that's where we'll end our story.

Great acting out everyone.

Big round of applause for all our actors.