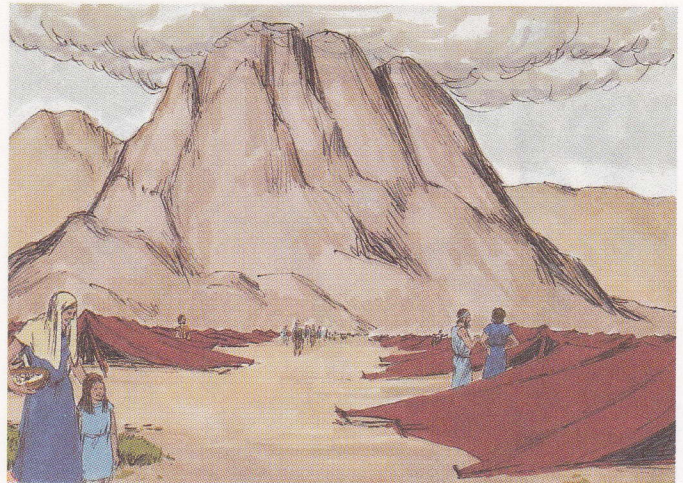


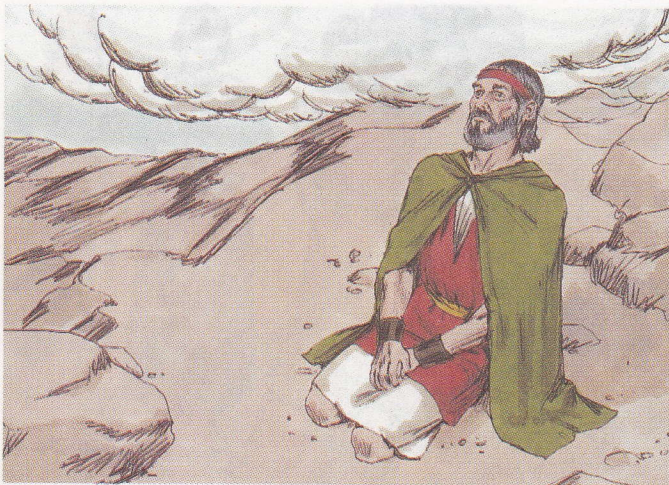
# Moses on Mount Sinai



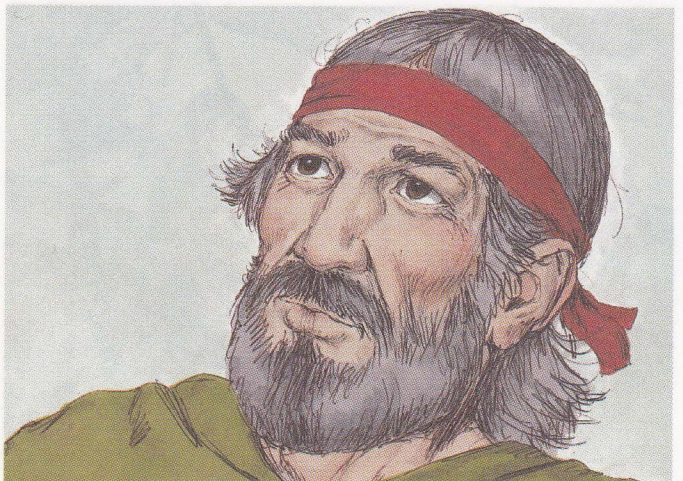
**1** The Israelites left the desert of Sin, where the Lord sent them quail and manna for food. They moved from one place to another at the command of the Lord.



**2** Three months after they had left Egypt, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai. There, at the foot of Mount Sinai, they set up camp. Moses went up on the mountain to meet with God.



**3** The Lord gave Moses a message for the Israelites: "You saw what I, the Lord, did to the Egyptians and how I carried you as an eagle carries her young on her wings, and brought you here."



**4** Then the Lord made a covenant, or agreement, with them. "If you obey me and keep my covenant," he said, "you will be my people. All the earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people."



**5** So Moses went down and told the leaders of the people everything that the Lord had commanded him. Then all the people answered together, "We will do everything that the Lord has said."



**6** Moses reported this to God. Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will believe you from now on."



**7** “Tell the people to spend today and tomorrow purifying themselves for worship. On the day after tomorrow, I will come down on Mount Sinai, where all the people can see me.”



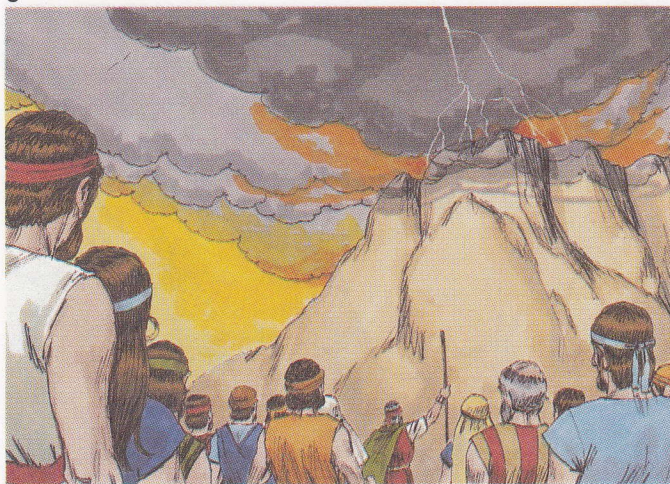
**8** “Mark a boundary around the mountain that the people must not cross. Tell them not to go up the mountain or even get near it. If anyone sets foot on it, he must be put to death.”



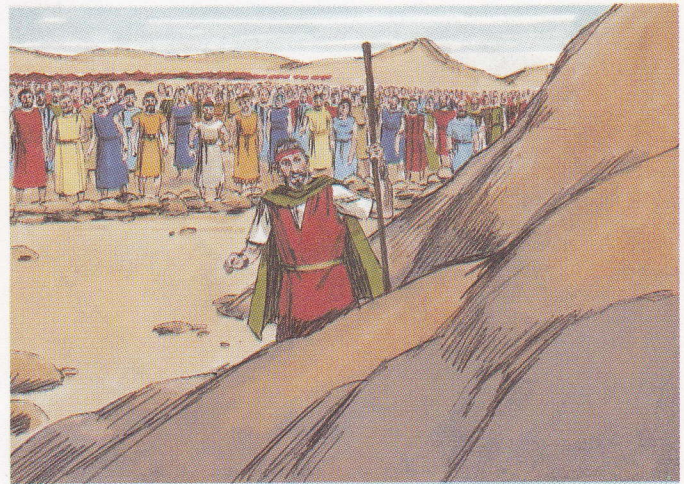
**9** Moses came down and told the Israelites to get ready to worship God. “Be ready by the day after tomorrow,” he said. “When the trumpet sounds, we must go to the mountain.”



**10** On the morning of the third day, there was thunder and lightning. A thick cloud of smoke covered the mountain, and a trumpet blast was heard. All the people trembled with fear.



**11** Moses led them out of the camp to meet God. They stood at the foot of the mountain. All the people trembled violently, as the trumpet sounds got louder and louder.



**12** Then the Lord called Moses back up to the mountain. God was now ready to give Israel the law of his covenant.