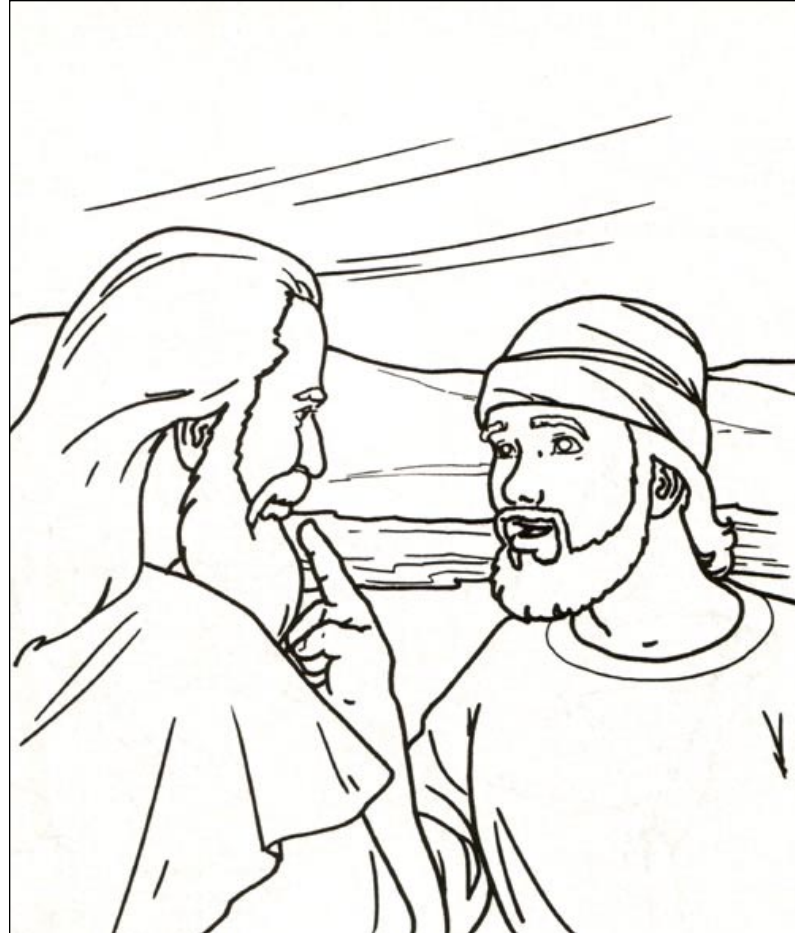
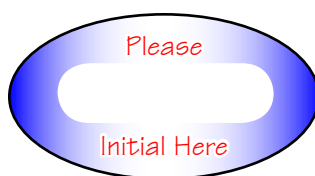


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Moses and Joshua
went up Mount Sinai

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The Travels of the Chosen Children of Israel

- Lesson Four -

God's Desire

I. Overview.

God desires that we would know Him and express Him. As the children of Israel were beginning to cross the wilderness, God called Moses and Joshua up Mount Sinai. God's desire was that He would be known by Moses, Joshua and all of Israel.



God called Moses and
Joshua to the top of Mt. Sinai.

God spoke to Moses and gave Him two tablets of stone on which He had written ten commandments with His own finger. In the ten commandments we can learn much about God. But while Moses and Joshua were on the mountain with God, the children of Israel sinned. They made for themselves an idol – a golden calf. This made God angry. God told Moses to go back down to the people. When Moses saw that the people were worshipping the golden calf, he threw down the tablets that God had given him and they broke. Moses called out “Who is on the Lord’s side? The tribe of Levi came to him.

II. Memory Verse.

“...He chose us in Him... to be holy and without blemish before Him in Love.”

(Eph. 1:4)

III. Lesson.

God's desire is to be known and expressed by His people. In order for us to know God, He has to reveal Himself to us. God called Moses and Joshua up Mount Sinai in order to reveal Himself to them. God spoke to Moses. Through God's speaking Moses knew God more. God also gave Moses the ten commandments engraved in two tablets of stone. The Bible tells us that they were written by the "finger of God." The ten commandments tell us much about God – what He likes and what He doesn't like. As we come to know God more, we can express Him more.

Israel's Impatience and Sin

While Moses and Joshua were on the mountain, the children of Israel became impatient and built for themselves a golden calf. The children of Israel gave Aaron their golden earrings and he fashioned a calf from the gold. The people worshipped the calf, which angered God. God told Moses to go down to the people. When Moses saw the people worshipping the golden calf, he also was angry. He threw the tablets to the ground below and broke them.



A cloud covered the mountain while God spoke with Moses.

God Calls Out the Levites

Moses then called out to the people "Who is on the Lord's side?" The sons of Levi, the Levites, answered the call and came to Moses. Eventually they became the tribe that served in the tabernacle. God actually desired that all of His people would serve Him in this way, but because only the tribe of Levi chose Him, they alone had such a privilege.

Moses Returns to the Mountain

God called Moses up the mountain again. Moses spent a long time with God. God wrote the commandments again on two tablets of stone. God still had the desire that His people would know Him and express Him. When Moses came down the mountain his face was shining. The shining of Moses' face was God being expressed through him. This shows that something of God got into Moses. It was through God's word, spoken and written, that Moses came to know God and to express God. This is why it is so important for us to read our Bibles. In this way we also can know God and express Him. The Lord Jesus said that we are the light of the world.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is it that God desires for us?

2. Why did God call Moses and Joshua to come up Mount Sinai?

3. What did God give to Moses?"

4. Which tribe answered God's call to Himself?

