

## Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Day 1 – Chapter 6 of “The Story”

Day 2 – Numbers 10:11 – end of chapter 14

Day 3 – Numbers 20-21, 25, 27

Day 4 – Deuteronomy 1-2, 6, 8 & 9

Day 5 – Deuteronomy 29 – 32, 34

## Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?

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## *The Story: New Commands and a New Covenant*

*October 13-14*

*“The Story” Chapter 5; Exodus 19:16-19, Exodus 25:1-8*

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



The Lord said to Moses, ...“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”

Exodus 25:1, 8

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## Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. What was the worst discipline you received while growing up? What had you done to deserve it?
2. What do the Ten Commandments reveal about the nature of God and his desire to have a relationship with us? (p. 61)?
3. Moses said, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” (p. 61). How does the fear of God restrain sin?
4. The Lord spoke to Moses “as one would speak to a friend.” (p. 67) What was there about Moses that God found so pleasing? How would you rate your relationship to God, from 1 = Total Stranger to 10 = Close Friend.
5. God no longer dwells in tents or temples; he lives in us (Acts 7:48-50; 1 Corinthians 6:19). How does recognizing that God dwells in us help connect his upper story to our lower story on a daily basis?
6. God describes himself as jealous. What does this tell us about God? Why is it okay for God to be jealous?
7. How did Israel go from “Everything the Lord has said we will do,” to building a false god in scarcely over a month? How do people still do this today? Are the results just as disastrous? Why is it so easy to become forgetful of God’s mercies?
8. God reminded Moses that children live with the consequences of their parents’ sins (p. 68). How have your parents’ choices (good and bad) affected your life? How are your choices possibly affecting your children? What needs to change?
9. God showed Moses his glory because he is “gracious and compassionate.” Describe a time you recognized God’s grace and compassion in your life.
10. After punishing the Israelites for the golden calf, Moses immediately sought reconciliation with God. How should believers today hold one another accountable? How can we do this gracefully?
11. God describes himself as compassionate, slow to anger, gracious and abounding in loving-kindness. (p. 68) Where do you see these qualities in this chapter?

Pray together.



## Family’s with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Key Verse: [God’s people] answered with one voice. They said, “We will do everything the Lord has told us to do.”—Exodus 24:3

1. What rules do you have to follow at home? (Describe three.)
2. If you break these rules, what happens?
3. Why did God’s people need rules?
4. Those rules are pretty old now. Do they still apply today? Why?
5. Which one of the Ten Commandments is the hardest for you to follow?
6. What happens when you break one of the commandments? (Repent of my sin, ask for forgiveness, receive grace because of Jesus).
7. What do you think is the most important of the Ten Commandments? Why?
8. When Jesus was asked that same question, what did he say? (Read Matthew 22:36–40) Why did he answer this way? Do you agree?
9. The third commandment talks about not misusing God’s name. Does that apply to words such as “Gosh,” “Geez,” and “OMG”?

### Family Activity:

Get a deck of cards and remove all the face cards (jacks, queens, kings, and jokers). Shuffle the deck. Bring out a Bible and review the Ten Commandments in order. Put the deck on the table. Have the youngest family member start by drawing a card and trying to say the corresponding commandment (example: 8 = Do not lie). If the person says the correct commandment, he gets to keep the card. If it’s incorrect, the card is put face-up next to the deck. Go through the entire deck of cards. The person who ends up with the most cards gets a prize, such as being able to choose a special dessert the following night.

Pray together: Dear God, thank you for remembering us even when we break your rules. Thank you for meeting all of our needs and especially for forgiving us when we need it. Help us share the wonderful news of Jesus with others. Amen!

