

WEEK 5: EXODUS

DAY 1: GOD BROUGHT THE PEOPLE OUT AND GAVE THEM THE LAW

1. Good morning! We hope that you are well, and that your family is well. Today we begin to look at the book of Exodus. We want to learn what the name Exodus means. We also want to learn the two big stories in this book.

Exodus means “coming out” or “moving out”. Many tribes have stories about how they moved from one country to another. The stories tell how they came to the place where they live now. That is what the book of Exodus tells. It tells how the people of Israel came from Egypt. It tells how they went towards the land of Canaan.

What does Genesis mean? _____

2. Genesis means “beginnings”. But Exodus means “coming out”. There are two big stories in the book of Exodus.

- (1) How the people of Israel came out of Egypt.
- (2) How God gave the law to the people of Israel.

You remember that Joseph was the son of Jacob. You also remember how his brothers sold him into Egypt as a slave. But God was with Joseph, and he became a great man. In the end, Joseph understood that it was God who sent him to Egypt.

Why did God send Joseph to Egypt? _____

3. God sent Joseph to Egypt to save the lives of his people. There was no food in the land where the people of Israel lived. But Joseph saved food in Egypt. He gave food to his brothers and to his father. Soon the whole family came to live in Egypt.

Many years passed. Jacob and Joseph died. In Exodus, chapter 1 we see that the people of Israel had become many. The people of Egypt were afraid of them. So they made the people of Israel to be slaves. They forced them to build large cities. But God did not forget his people. He sent Moses to bring them out of that land.

From what land did the people of Israel have to come out? _____

4. Exodus means to come out. It tells how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. At the beginning of the book, the people of Israel were suffering very much. They cried to God and God heard them. God called Moses and gave him great power.

What did God want Moses to do? _____

5. God wanted to help his people. He wanted Moses to lead them out of Egypt. We read how this happened in the second book of the Bible.

What does the name of the second book mean? _____

Who came out of the land of Egypt? _____

6. The people of Israel came out of Egypt. That is the first story in Exodus. When we read how this happened, it helps us today. It shows us about our own salvation. The people of Israel were slaves in the land of Egypt. But God brought them out. In the same way, Christ brings us out. If we are Christians, Christ has brought us out into his own kingdom.

Colossians 1:13:

He has delivered us from the dominion (or power) of darkness, and transferred (or changed) us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Look carefully at this verse. Where are Christians brought out from? _____

7. Christians are brought out from the power of darkness. This is the kingdom of Satan. We are brought into the kingdom of Christ. When we read how the people of Israel came out of Egypt, we see how we have come out of the kingdom of Satan.

What is the first big story in the book of Exodus? _____

8. First we see how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. But that was not the end. These people were now free from the power of Pharaoh. But now they had to learn how to live for God. The second big story in Exodus tells how God gave them the law.

Through what person did God give the law to the people of Israel? _____

9. We have already seen that these books are called books of law. We have also seen that they are sometimes called books of Moses. Let us see if you can remember why this is.

Why are they called books of Moses?

- (1) Moses wrote most of them.
- (2) Moses is the main person in each book.

(3) _____

10. Good! God gave the law through Moses. When Moses led the people out of Egypt, he led them through the desert. They came to Mount Sinai. There God said that they should stop. God called Moses to go up on the mountain. There he gave him the law.

Who was the law for? _____

11.



God gave the law to Moses for the people of Israel. God gave Moses two pieces of stone. On these stones the Ten Commandments were written. This was part of the law. Then God spoke with Moses for 40 days. He told Moses many other things which the people of Israel should do.

When God gave Moses the pieces of stone, what do we say he gave him?

12. God gave the law to his people. This was part of God's plan. He wanted people to be saved. He wanted them to be good. He wanted them to be holy like God. So God gave the people many laws which they should follow.

How did God give the law to his people? _____

13. God gave the law through Moses. He gave some of the law on pieces of stone. He gave some of the law by speaking to Moses. In the book of Exodus we read how God did this.

So we have two big stories in the book of Exodus. The second one is how God gave his law to the people of Israel.

What is the first big story in the book of Exodus? _____

14. The first big story is how the people of Israel came out of Egypt.

What is the second big story? _____

15. The second story is how God gave the law to the people of Israel. Both of the stories are useful to us. We see how God has brought us out of the kingdom of Satan. We also see that God has given laws for us to keep.

In these days, people are talking much about freedom. Some people think that if you are free, you do not have to keep laws. But this is not true. It is not what the Bible says. The Bible shows that we are saved by faith in God. But then God gives us laws to keep. In this class we will see which laws should be kept today.

Who does God want to keep his laws besides the people of Israel? _____

16. We will talk about this in class.

What is the meaning of the name of the second book in the Bible? _____

What are the two big stories in the book of Exodus?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 2: GOD SENT MOSES AND TEN GREAT TROUBLES

Exodus Chapters 1 to 10

1. Yesterday we saw the two big stories in the book of Exodus. What are they?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. The second story is how God gave the law to the people of Israel. But today and tomorrow we want to look at the first story. It is how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. We will learn that God did three things to bring them out.

(1) God sent Moses.

(2) God sent ten great troubles.

(3) God passed over the houses of the people of Israel.

What did God do first to get ready to bring them out? _____

3. First God sent Moses to help them. They were in much trouble. After Joseph died, the people of Israel increased very quickly. There were so many of them that the people of Egypt became afraid. So they made slaves of the people of Israel. They forced them to make bricks and build large cities. They even killed all the boys born to the people of Israel. This went on for many years.

Do you think God had forgotten his people and his plan? _____

4. We do not think God had forgotten. God was always thinking about his people. You remember how God chose the people of Israel. He wanted to prepare them for the coming of his Son. He wanted to send salvation through the people of Israel. So he took good care of them. You remember how he took care of them when there was no food.

Why did God send Joseph to Egypt? _____

5. God sent Joseph to save the lives of his people. God was always thinking about his people.

Exodus 2:23-24:

The people of Israel groaned under their bondage, and cried out for

help, and their cry under bondage came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

God had not forgotten his people. He heard their cry and sent someone to help them.

Whom did God send to help? _____

6. The Egyptians said that all babies should be killed. But God protected the baby Moses. He helped the parents hide him in a basket on the river. God prepared Moses for his work for 80 years.

What did God want Moses to do? _____

7. God wanted Moses to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. God kept him safe and, prepared him. Then God called him through a burning bush in the desert.

Who sent Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt? _____

8. It was God who did this. God heard the cry of his people. He did three things to bring them out of Egypt.

Write the first one and read the others.

- (1) _____
 - (2) God sent ten great troubles.
 - (3) God passed over the houses of the people of Israel.
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9. The first thing God did was to send Moses. Moses came to Pharaoh. He asked Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go. Look at what Pharaoh said.

Exodus 5:2:

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should heed his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover I will not let Israel go."

Pharaoh refused. And he also said, "Who is the Lord?" So God had to show him who he is. God sent many great troubles to Pharaoh to show his power.

How many great troubles did God send? _____

10. These are the ten great troubles:

God turned all the water into blood.
God covered the land with frogs.

God turned the dust into biting insects.
God filled the air with flies.
God killed all the cattle of the Egyptians.
God brought boils on all their bodies.
God sent very heavy rain and lightning.
God sent locusts to eat all their crops.
God sent darkness for three days.
God killed all their first-born children and animals.

What did these things show about God? _____

11. The ten great troubles showed that God has much power. God was leading the people of Israel out of Egypt. First he sent Moses, but this was not enough. When Moses asked Pharaoh to let the people go, Pharaoh refused.

What was the second thing God did to get his people out? _____

12. First, God sent Moses. Then he sent ten great troubles. This was to show Pharaoh who God is. It was to show his power. Some of the troubles showed that God has power over rivers and rain and sickness. The people of Egypt worshipped cattle and the sun. Some of the troubles showed that God has power over their gods. Some of the troubles showed that God has power over our bodies. God showed his power so that the people of Egypt would agree with the people of Israel.

What did God want them to agree to? _____

13. God wanted them to agree to let the people go. God wanted to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. He did three things to get them out.

What was the second thing which God did?

(1) God sent Moses

(2) _____

(3) God passed over the houses of the people of Israel.

14. Yes, God sent ten great troubles. Tomorrow we will learn the third thing which God did. Remember that God did not forget his people. Even

though many years passed, he remembered them. And God remembers his people today. If we cry to him, he will hear. He will answer our prayers.

Stop now and thank God that he is caring for you now.

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15. What are the first two things God did to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 3: GOD PASSED OVER THE HOUSES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Exodus Chapters 11 and 12

1. We are still looking at the first big story in the book of Exodus. What is it? _____

2. The first big story in Exodus is how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. Yesterday we saw two things which God did to bring them out.

How did God bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) God passed over the houses of the people of Israel.

3. First God sent Moses. Then God sent ten great troubles. After God sent nine troubles, Pharaoh still refused to let the people go. God still had one trouble to send. It was worse than all the others. He decided to kill the first-born children and animals of the people of Egypt.

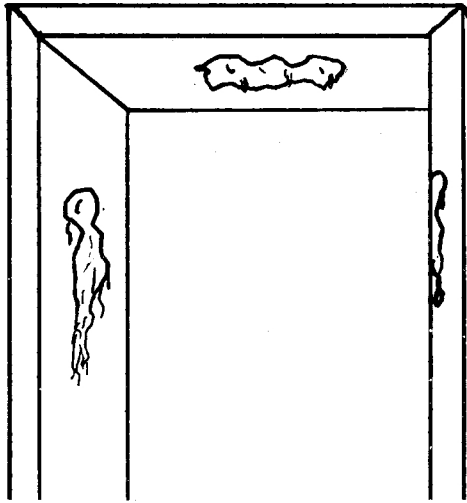
Did God want to kill the first-born children of the people of Israel? _____

4. God did not want to harm the people of Israel. They were his people. He was trying to bring them out of Egypt. God wanted to pass over the houses of Israel. So God told them what to do. He told each family that they must kill a lamb. Then they must put the blood of the lamb on the door posts of their houses. If they did this, God would pass over their houses. He would not kill the first-born child.

What would make God pass over the houses of the people of Israel? _____

5. It was the blood on the door posts which saved them. The people did what God said. Each family killed a lamb. They put blood from the lamb on the door posts. Then they stayed in their houses.

What did God do to the houses of the people of Israel? _____



6. God came to each house. He saw blood on some of the door posts. And he passed over these houses. He did not kill any of these children. But the people of Egypt lost all their first-born children that night. They lost all their first-born animals. Even Pharaoh lost his first-born son. So after this he let the people go.

Whose houses did God pass over? _____

7. God passed over the houses of the people of Israel. This was a great miracle. But for the people of Egypt it was a great trouble. In this way God showed his power to the people of Egypt. He showed Pharaoh who he was. He showed Pharaoh that he should agree with the people of Israel.

What did God want to do with the people of Israel? _____

8. God wanted to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt. This was part of God's plan of salvation. He wanted to send salvation to the world through Israel.

What was the third thing God did to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

- (1) He sent Moses
- (2) He sent ten great troubles.

(3) _____

9. God passed over the houses of the people of Israel. Then God told them that they should remember this time. He told them that each year at this time they should have a feast. They should call it the Passover Feast. But it was not a time to eat much food. It was a time to remember.

What should they remember each year at the Passover Feast? _____

10. The people of Israel remembered how God passed over their houses. They also remembered how they left Egypt. Because it was on that night that Pharaoh let them go. They gathered their things and left Egypt that night. They went to find their own land. This was a very great time for the people of Israel.

But the Passover Feast did something else too. It pointed forward to the death of Christ. The people of Israel did not understand this yet. But the blood on the door posts was like the blood of Christ. It was given to save people.

Do you have a special meeting in your church to remember the blood of Jesus? _____

What do you call this meeting? _____

11. Many Christians have a meeting like this. They call it Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, or the Breaking of Bread. Some churches have this meeting once a year. Some have it once a month or once a week. There is no law about it.

In this service, we remember the death of Christ on the cross. This is the greatest thing that has ever happened. We have already seen this verse.

Colossians 1:13:

He has delivered us from the dominion (or power) of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

In this verse, what have we been brought out from? _____

12. We have been brought out from the power of darkness. This means that God has brought us from the kingdom of Satan. And he has put us into the kingdom of his Son. God does not want us to forget this. That is why Jesus began the Communion service. Look what Jesus said.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25:

“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

. . . “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Jesus wants us to remember him and his death.

When do we remember the death of Jesus? _____

13. We look back to the death of Jesus when we have the Communion service. But Israel looked forward to the death of Jesus. They did this when they remembered how they were delivered from Egypt.

At what feast did the people of Israel look back to Egypt and forward to Christ? _____

14. They did this at the Passover Feast. In this feast they remembered how God passed over their houses. They remembered the blood which pointed forward to the death of Christ. When we have Holy Communion we look back to the death of Christ.

What was the third thing God did to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

15. God passed over the houses of the people of Israel. They were saved by the blood. The Passover Feast looked back to this time. But the Passover Feast also pointed forward to something.

What did the Passover Feast point forward to? _____

16. The Passover Feast pointed forward to the death of Christ. Now Christ has died on the cross. We do not wait for his death any longer. We do not need the Passover Feast. We know that Christ has died for us. This is the most important thing that ever happened. We do not want to forget it. We want to thank God for it. We want to worship him for his mercy.

What does the Communion service look back to? _____

17. The Communion service looks back to the death of Jesus. This is the greatest thing which happened in the Bible. God wants to save people. He wanted to save the people of Israel from Egypt. And he wants to save us from our sins.

What things did God do to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

18. God sent Moses. Then he sent ten great troubles. Then he passed over the houses of the people of Israel. In this way God saved the people of Israel from Egypt. He has also made a way to save us from our sins.

What did the Passover Feast point forward to? _____

What does our Communion service point back to? _____

19. The Passover Feast pointed forward to the death of Jesus. Our Communion services point back to the death of Jesus. From this we see that the Old and New Testaments are talking about the same things. They agree together. This reminds us of one of our reasons for believing that the Bible is true. We hope you still remember these reasons.

What is the first reason for believing that the Bible is true? _____

20. All of the parts of the Bible agree together. This helps us to believe that it is true.

What is the third thing God did to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

(3) _____

What did the Passover Feast point forward to? _____

What does our Communion service point back to? _____

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DAY 4: GOD HELPED THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL THROUGH TROUBLES

Exodus Chapters 13 to 18

1. Welcome to another lesson! In the last two lessons we have been learning how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. We saw that God did three things to bring them out.

What is the third thing?

- (1) God sent Moses.
- (2) God sent ten great troubles.

(3) _____

2. God passed over the houses of the people of Israel. But he killed the first-born children and animals of Egypt. After this, Pharaoh let the people of Israel go. They came out of Egypt. But they still had a long journey before they reached the promised land.

Today let us see some of the troubles they had on their journey to Canaan. We shall see how God helped them in their troubles. We shall see that their journey to Canaan is like our journey in the Christian life. We have already seen that they were freed from Egypt like we are freed from sin.

What did their Passover Feast point forward to? _____

What does our Communion service point back to? _____

3. The Passover Feast of Israel pointed forward to the death of Christ. Our Communion service points back to the death of Christ.

You remember that the people of Israel suffered much in the land of Egypt. But when they cried to God, he heard their cry. Now as they went on their journey, they had more troubles. When they cried to God, he helped them. Here is a lesson for us. There are two things which we should do when we are in trouble.

- (1) We should pray.
- (2) We should do what God says.

What is the first thing we should do when we are in trouble? _____

4. The first thing we should do is pray. That is what the people of Israel did. They had not gone far in their journey when they met trouble. On the big road to Canaan there were some strong people. God knew that the people of Israel were weak. So he did not lead them on the big road.

Instead he led them through the desert. After a few days they came to the Red Sea. There was no way through the water and the Egyptians were coming from behind.

Exodus 14:10:

And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord.

Do you think God heard them? _____

5. God heard them. But we are sorry to see that the people of Israel not only cried to the Lord. They also began to complain. This is what they did in the next verse.

Exodus 14:11:

and they said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness (or desert)? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? . . . For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

It was wrong for the people of Israel to complain. And it is wrong for us to complain when we have hard things.

What is the first thing we should do when we are in trouble? _____

6. We should first pray to God. And God will hear us. He heard the people of Israel. He helped them even though they complained. God told Moses what the people should do. And he told Moses what he should do.

Exodus 14:15:

Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.

The people did what God said. And God made a way through the sea on dry ground.

When God tells us to do something, what should we do? _____

7. The people prayed to God and they did what God said. That is what we should do too. When we pray to God in trouble, he will show us what to do.

Then we should do it. These are the two things we should do when we are in trouble.

- (1) We should pray to God.
- (2) We should do what God says.

But soon the people of Israel had more troubles. They did not have enough food and water. They were walking through the desert. At a place called Marah there was water, but it was so bitter that they could not drink it.

Exodus 15:24:

And the people murmured (or complained) against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

What wrong thing did the people do when they had trouble? _____

8. The people complained. But look what Moses did.

Exodus 15:25:

And he cried to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

What did Moses do first? _____

What did he do when God told him to throw the tree into the water? _____

9. Moses prayed to God. Then he did what God said. These are the things which we should do when we are in trouble. But the people of Israel kept on complaining. In the Wilderness of Sin there was no food.

Exodus 16:2-3:

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt."

So God sent bread in the morning and birds in the evening. The people called the bread "manna". It was a very thin bread which came on the ground early in the morning.

Should we complain against God and other people when we are in trouble?

10. Sometimes we have very hard things in our lives. But we should never complain. The people of Israel should not have complained either. God heard their cry every time they prayed to him. He took care of every one of their needs. At Rephidim there was no water. So Moses cried to the

Lord. God told Moses to hit a rock. And when he hit it, water came out for the people.

Write the first thing we should do when we have troubles. Then read the second.

- (1) _____
- (2) We should do what God says.

11. We should first pray to God. That is what Moses did. Then God always showed him what to do. God always cared for the need of the people when Moses obeyed.

After we pray for our troubles, then what should we do? _____

12. We should do these two things when we are in trouble. (1) We should pray to God. (2) We should do what God says. Moses did this. But the people did not always do it. Moses had a hard job leading the people of Israel.

Exodus 17:3:

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?"

What wrong thing did the people of Israel do when they were in trouble?

13. The people of Israel complained. Then another trouble came to them. They met with a strong enemy. The people of Amalek came and fought with the people of Israel. Moses himself went to the top of a hill and prayed.

Exodus 17:11:

Whenever Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed (or won the battle).

By whose power did the people of Israel overcome the people of Amalek?

14. It was by the power of God. Moses prayed and did what God said.

What should we do when we are in trouble?

(1) _____

(2) _____

15. We should pray to God and do what he says. Our lives as Christians are like the journey of the people of Israel.

Sometimes the way in front of us seems to be closed.
Sometimes we do not have enough food and clothes.
Sometimes Satan comes against us with all his power.

But God is able to help us. He will care for our needs. Are you doing right when you are in trouble? Perhaps you have learned something new from this lesson.

Write some way in which you should do better when you have trouble. _____

16. What wrong thing did the people of Israel do when they had trouble?

What two things should we do when we have trouble?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 5: GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL MADE AN AGREEMENT

Exodus Chapters 19 and 24

1. Good Morning! Do you still remember what we learned yesterday?

What wrong thing did the people of Israel do when they had trouble? _____

What two things should we do when we have trouble?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. The people of Israel complained when they had trouble. But we should pray to God and then do what he says.

We have learned that there are two big stories in Exodus. All this week we have been learning about the first big story. This story tells how the people of Israel came out of Egypt. The second big story tells how God gave the people something.

What is the second big story in the book of Exodus? _____

3. The second big story tells how God gave the law to the people of Israel. We have seen how the people were slaves in the land of Egypt. We have seen how God brought them out. The people were now free from their old life. But now they needed to know how to live for God. Today we will begin to learn how God gave them his law.

The law of God is a very important part of the Old Testament. We have learned that "testament" means agreement.

What was the agreement which God made in the Old Testament?

(1) I will take you for my people.

(2) _____

4. This is the old agreement which God made: I will take you for my people and I will be your God.

You remember that God first made an agreement with Abraham. God promised Abraham the land of Canaan. God promised that he would be the

father of a great nation. God promised that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through him.

Who made promises in the agreement with Abraham? _____

5. At that time, God made the promises. He made his agreement with Abraham only. But now in the book of Exodus, the family of Abraham had grown. It had become a great nation. God brought this nation out of Egypt, and they were going to the land of Canaan. Now God wanted to make an agreement with the whole people.

With what people did God make an agreement in the book of Exodus? _____

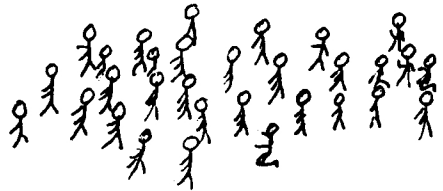
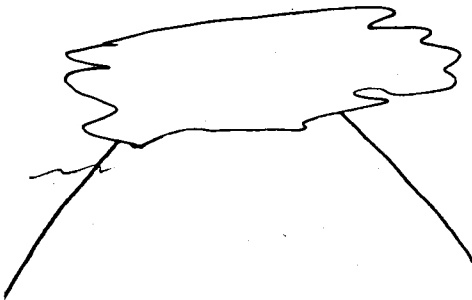
6. They were the family of Abraham, but we call them the people of Israel. Now God was making an agreement with a whole nation. But it was not only God who made promises. The people made promises too. So we see that two sides made promises. Those who made promises were:

- (1) God
- (2) The people of Israel

We see nations today making agreements. Nigeria makes agreements with other African nations. Nigeria says, "We will help you if you will help us."

When God and the people made promises together, what do we call the thing which they made? _____

7. God and the people of Israel were making an agreement. You remember that God came down to Mount Sinai and talked with Moses. The people waited to see what God was saying to them.



This is what God said to the people.

Exodus 19:5:

If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant (or agreement) you shall be my own possession among all the peoples.

Who made promises to the people? _____

8. God made promises to the people. Read again what he said.

Exodus 19:5:

If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all the peoples.

In the agreement, there was something which the people must do. What was it? _____

9. God promised the people great blessings. But they had to obey him in order to get the blessings. This is the answer which the people of Israel gave to God.

Exodus 24:3:

and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do."

In the agreement with the people of Israel, God made promises. Who else made promises? _____

10. God made promises to the people. And the people made promises to God. They wanted to be his people. They wanted the blessings which God was promising to them.

What did they promise to do so that they could be God's people? _____

11. The people promised that they would do what God said. They promised that they would obey the laws which God gave them. In this way they would continue in the agreement. They would receive God's help and blessing.

This is what we learned yesterday. You remember that the people of Israel were walking through the desert. On the way they met many troubles. Each time, there were things which they must do.

What two things must we do when we have trouble?

(1) _____

(2) _____

12. So we see that this is a very important lesson. We must pray in order to get God's help. But we must also obey him. It was the same in the agreement with the people of Israel. If the people obeyed God's voice and kept his law, they would be his people. But if they did not obey God's law, they would not receive blessings from him.

Who made promises in the old agreement?

(1) _____ (2) _____

13. In the Old Testament we have the old agreement. In this agreement God and the people of Israel made promises.

What was the way for the people of Israel to continue in the agreement?

14. We are sorry to see that the people of Israel did not keep on doing what God said. They disobeyed him many, many times. They did not continue in the agreement. So God had to make a new agreement. We can read this new agreement in the New Testament.

What did God say he would do with his law in the new agreement? _____

15. In the new agreement God said that he would write his law on the hearts of the people.

Who made promises in the old agreement?

(1) _____ (2) _____

What was the way for the people of Israel to continue in the old agreement?

WEEK 6: EXODUS

DAY 1: WE CANNOT BE SAVED THROUGH THE LAW

Exodus Chapters 20 to 23

1. Welcome to another week of lessons. We hope that the Lord is blessing your work. We pray that he will teach us many new things this week.

Today we will go on learning about the second big story in Exodus. We are learning how God gave the law to the people of Israel.

Who made promises in the old agreement?

(1) _____ (2) _____

2. God and the people of Israel made the agreement. If the people would obey God's law they would continue in the agreement. We have seen how God came down to talk with Moses on the mountain. He gave Moses the laws which he wanted the people to keep.

In Exodus, chapters 21 to 23 we read some of the laws. The laws touched every part of the lives of the people. Some laws are about worship. Some are about farming. Some are about money. Some are about marriage. Some are about other things.

From these laws, do you think that God is interested in every part of our lives? _____

3. We have learned that God cares about our lives. He cares about every part. He wants us to be happy. That is why he gave laws to the people of Israel. But they did not keep the laws. So the law could not save them and give them life. We too cannot keep the laws of God by ourselves. We can only be saved by receiving Christ.

What was the way for the people to continue in the old agreement? _____

4. The people must obey God's law. God gave them many laws. The most important ones are called "The Ten Commandments." Take your Bible now and read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:3 to 17.

What is the first commandment? _____

5. Here are the Ten Commandments written in an easy way.

- (1) You shall not have any other gods before me.
- (2) You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
- (3) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- (4) Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
- (5) Honor your father and your mother.
- (6) You shall not kill.
- (7) You shall not commit adultery.
- (8) You shall not steal.
- (9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- (10) You shall not covet.

Read the Ten Commandments again.

Now look away from the paper. Use your ten fingers and try to say the Ten Commandments. Read them again. When you can say them without looking, go on with this lesson.

6. You will be asked to say the Ten Commandments in class. The Ten Commandments were the most important laws. But they were not the only laws which God gave. He gave many laws to the people of Israel, but they did not keep these laws. We too cannot keep the laws by ourselves.

Think about the first four commandments. Do they tell what we should do to God or what we should do to men? _____

7. Four of the Ten Commandments tell what we should do to God. They are numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The other commandments tell what we should do to other people.

Write the numbers of the commandments which tell what to do to other people. Put one number on each line.

8. Six of the Ten Commandments tell us what to do to other people. They are numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 10. One day a man asked Jesus which was the most important commandment. In answering him, Jesus put all the commandments into two commandments.

Matthew 22:37-38:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Can we keep these laws by ourselves? _____

9. We cannot keep these laws by ourselves. And the people of Israel could not keep the Ten Commandments. Men are weak. They are not able to keep the laws of God by themselves.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on two pieces of stone. Moses brought them down to the people. Then he went back to the mountain to receive more laws. But even while Moses was still on the mountain, the people broke the second commandment. They made an image of a calf. And they worshipped it.

How do you think God felt about this? _____

10. God loved men. He wanted to save them. But they did not keep his laws. We believe this made God sad.

By themselves, men are weak. They want their own way instead of God's way. Sometimes they try to keep God's laws. But many times they break them. No one but Christ has ever kept all of God's laws. When we break God's laws he has to punish us. That is what Paul says in the New Testament.

Romans 3.20, 23:

No human being will be justified in his sight by works of the law . . . since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Look carefully at this verse. Can we be saved by the law? _____

11. No one keeps the laws by himself. So no one can be saved through the laws of God. We must have our lives changed by Christ.

Many people do not understand this. They try to do many good things. Then they think that they will be saved. But even if they do many good things, they also do many wrong things. And God must punish them for the wrong things which they do.

How many people keep all the laws of God? _____

12. There is no one who keeps all the laws. But God has mercy. He has made a way for us to be saved. He has sent his Son to take our punishment. If we put our trust in Christ, we are saved. Then we are given power to live the right kind of life.

Romans 8:3:

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin.

Can we be saved by trying to obey the laws of God? _____

13. The law cannot save us. There is only one way in which we can be saved.

Romans 6:23:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through whom can we be saved? _____

14. We are saved through Christ. He changes our hearts and he changes our lives. He gives us his life. Then we can live as we should.

The law was good, but it did not go far enough. It showed people how God wanted them to live. But it did not change their hearts.

Can we be saved by trying to obey the laws of God? _____

15. We cannot be saved through the law. Even the people of Israel were not saved through the law. They did not keep the law which God gave them. We too cannot keep the law by ourselves, so the law cannot save us.

How can we be saved? _____

16. We can be saved through Christ. We must believe in him and not our own works. It is right for us to do what God says. But we cannot save ourselves in this way.

Many people are trying to save themselves. They believe they will be saved if they try very hard to keep the laws of God. What about you? Perhaps you think you are good because you keep God's laws. Perhaps you think God must save you because you obey his laws.

What do you believe saves you? Does Christ save you or does keeping God's laws save you? _____

17. We will talk about this in class. God wants us to live in the right way. We must obey his word. But this is not enough.

Say the Ten Commandments which God gave the people of Israel.

Can we be saved by keeping the laws of God? _____

How can we be saved? _____

WEEK 6: EXODUS

DAY 2: GOD TOLD THE PEOPLE TO MAKE A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Exodus Chapters 25 to 40

1. Yesterday we looked at some of the laws which God wanted the people of Israel to keep.

Say the Ten Commandments.

Can we be saved by keeping the laws of God? _____

How can we be saved? _____

2. Look back to page 116 to see if you have said the Ten Commandments right. We cannot be saved by keeping laws. We are saved through Christ.

But the laws were good. They showed the people of Israel what God wanted them to do. Some of the laws were about farming. Some were about marriage. And some of the laws were about worship. The laws about worship said that the people should sacrifice animals. But God did not want them to make sacrifices just anywhere. He wanted them to have a special place to worship, so he told them how to make this place of worship. He said that they should call it the tabernacle. Let us learn about the tabernacle today.

Through what person did God give the laws and teachings about the house of worship? _____

3. God told about the house of worship through Moses. You remember that Moses went up on the mountain. There God talked with him. This is what God said.

Exodus 25:8-9:

And let them make me a sanctuary (or special place), that I may dwell in their midst. According to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Look carefully at this verse. In the time of the people of Israel, where did God want to stay? _____

4. God wanted to stay in the middle of the people. He wanted them to make a place for him to stay in. They could worship God in this place. The buildings in which we worship today are called churches. Sometimes they are made of bricks. Sometimes they are made of cement or poles or stones. On top they have roofs of grass or tin.

But the people of Israel were walking from place to place. They could not use our kind of building. They needed a building which they could carry with them. They needed a tabernacle.

Who told the people of Israel to build a tabernacle? _____

5. It was God who told them to build a tabernacle. He told them exactly how to make it. They made it so they could carry it. The walls were made of wood. The roof was made of animal skins. When they came to a new place, they stood up the wooden walls. They put the animal skins over the top.

Why did the people of Israel need a tabernacle which they could carry? _____

6. The people of Israel had left Egypt. They were going to the land of Canaan. They were moving from place to place. So they had to take their building with them.

They also needed a place to make sacrifices. Remember that God was making a way of salvation. God had to show the people how terrible sin is. He had to show them that blood must be shed for sin. The people could not go straight to God themselves. They could not pray just anywhere. They had to give sacrifices. They needed a place to worship which is different from our places.

Where did the people of Israel go to worship? _____

7. The people went to the tabernacle to worship. Today Christians come to the church. All the people come inside the church to worship. They sing hymns. They pray. They listen to preaching.

But in the tabernacle it was quite different. The worship which the people of Israel did was sacrificing. The priests killed animals for the people. Then the animals were offered to God. The sacrificing was not done by all the people. It was done by the priests only.

Could the people of Israel worship God without the priests? _____

8. The people could not come straight to God. The priests made the sacrifices. They were the only ones who were allowed to enter the tabernacle. The rest of the people had to stay outside. They brought the animals. Then the priests sacrificed them.

Some of the old people of Africa made sacrifices. They knew that they had sins. They sometimes killed goats or chickens or other animals. They

shed the blood of these animals. They did not know that Jesus has come to shed his blood.

How did the people of Israel worship God? _____

9. When the people of Israel brought sacrifices, they were worshipping God. Their way of worship was different from ours today. That is because Jesus had not yet come. Let us see how the people of Israel worshipped. Take your Bible and read Exodus 29:38 to 42.

Where did the people of Israel bring their animals to be sacrificed? _____

10. The people worshipped God at the tabernacle. On the next page you see a picture of the tabernacle. You see the building made of wood and skins. It was not big. It was about 50 feet or 15 meters long. You see the altar and the dish for washing. Around all this you see the fence. The fence was made of curtains.

How did the people of Israel worship God at the tabernacle? _____

11. The people of Israel worshipped God by making sacrifices. They brought animals to the priests. The priests killed the animals. Then they burnt them on the big altar. The big altar was made of wood covered with brass. Look at the brass altar again in the picture.

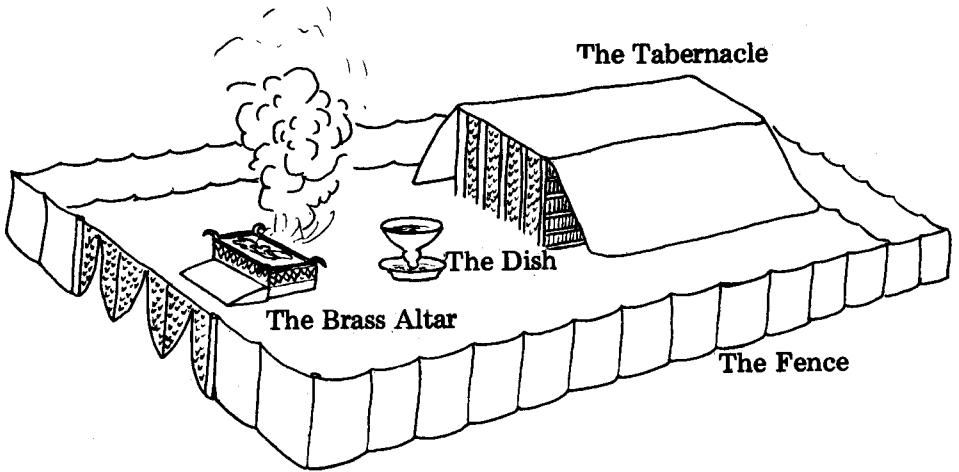
Animals were burnt all the time on this altar. So the fire on the brass altar never went out.

How did the people know that they should worship God in this way at the tabernacle? _____

12. God told the people that they should worship in this way. He told them to make the tabernacle. He told them to make the brass altar.

There was something else which God told them to put in the yard. It was a laver. A laver is a big dish for washing. You can see it in the picture. This dish also was made of brass. It was a place for the priests to wash their hands and feet. In some parts of Africa we see Muslims washing before they say their prayers. At the tabernacle, the priests always washed before they did their work.

What work did the priests do to help the people worship? _____



13. The way of worship was to make sacrifices. It was the priests who killed and burned the sacrifices. When we study the book of Leviticus we will see the different kinds of sacrifices. The people brought the animals. Then the priests sacrificed them on the brass altar.

Where did the people of Israel worship God? _____

14. The people of Israel worshipped God at the tabernacle. The tabernacle was made so they could carry it from place to place. God told them exactly how to make it.

How did the people worship God at the tabernacle? _____

15. The people worshipped God through sacrifices. This was what God told Moses they should do. God wanted to show them how terrible sin is. He wanted to show them that sin has to be paid for. He wanted to show them that God is holy. This reminds us of something which we have learned already.

What did God want to send through the people of Israel? _____

16. God wanted to send salvation through the people of Israel.

Where did the people of Israel worship God? _____

How did they worship him? _____

WEEK 6: EXODUS

DAY 3: THE HOLY PLACE AND THE HOLY OF HOLIES

Exodus Chapters 25 to 40

1. Yesterday we saw how God told the people to make a place of worship.

Where did the people of Israel worship God? _____

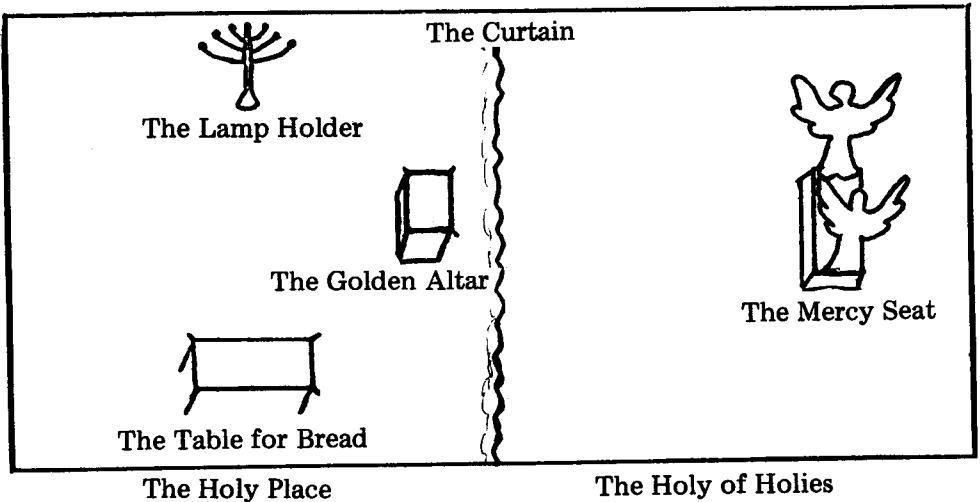
How did they worship him? _____

2. Yesterday we looked at a picture of the tabernacle. We saw how the people worshipped God by bringing sacrifices. We saw the brass altar, the dish, and the fence. Now let us look at the building.

You remember that most of the people were not allowed to enter the building itself. Because of this, they did not see what was inside the tabernacle. But the priests went inside the tabernacle. Inside there was a room called the Holy Place. After that there was another room called the Holy of Holies.

How many rooms were there in the tabernacle? _____

3. There were two rooms in the tabernacle. (1) The Holy Place. (2) The Holy of Holies. In the first room there were three things. Look at this picture of the two rooms of the tabernacle.



Write the name of the room which had three things in it. _____

4. The first room was the Holy Place. This was the room which had three things in it. Let us read how God told the people of Israel to make the two rooms of the tabernacle. Take your Bible now and read Exodus 26:31 to 37.

In verse 33, what was it that divided the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies?

5. A curtain divided the two rooms. There was also a curtain at the front of the tabernacle. The people were not allowed to go inside. But the priests went inside the first room. They kept 12 loaves of bread on the small table. This was to show that God gave the people their food.

In what room of the tabernacle was the table for bread? _____

6. The table for bread was in the Holy Place. In this room also there was the golden altar. This little altar was for burning incense. Incense is a powder which smells sweet. The priests burned incense on the golden altar. The smoke made a sweet smell in the Holy Place. It was like prayer going up to God.

The golden altar was in the Holy Place. In what building was the Holy Place? _____

7. The Holy Place was in the tabernacle. There were three things in this room. We have seen the table for bread and the golden altar. There was also a lamp holder. The lamp holder had seven lamps on it. The lamps were always shining. There were no windows in the tabernacle, but the lamps gave light.

In what room was the lamp holder? _____

8. The table, the golden altar and the lamp holder were all in the Holy Place. The priests went into this room to put bread on the table. They also went in to burn incense and to fill the lamps. But the people were not allowed to go into the tabernacle. God wanted to show them that he is holy. He wanted to show them that they are sinful. Only the priests who were making sacrifices were allowed to go in. They went into the first room every day.

What was the name of the first room?

(1)
(2) The Holy of Holies

9. The first room was the Holy Place. But the most important room was the second one. This was the Holy of Holies. This was where God lived in the middle of his people. Of course, we know that God is everywhere. But this was the special place where God chose to live among the people of Israel.

In what building was the Holy of Holies where God lived? _____

10. God did not live in the hearts of people at this time. He had a special place to live in the tabernacle. In the Holy of Holies there was one thing. It was a box covered with gold. In the box were the pieces of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them.

On top of the box were two angels made of gold. Between them was the mercy seat. This was the seat of God. The angels covered the mercy seat with their wings.

Who stayed in the Holy of Holies? _____

11. God himself stayed in the second room of the tabernacle. This was the important thing about this room. The people knew that God was there. This was where Moses now went to talk with God. And when they moved the tabernacle, God went with them.

What was the name of the room where God stayed in the tabernacle? _____

12. The Holy of Holies was the place where God stayed. Because of the holiness of God, the priests did not enter the Holy of Holies. Only the high priest went in once a year. This was on the Day of Atonement. Atonement means to give blood for sins. Later on we will learn about the Day of Atonement. On this day, the high priest carried in blood from the sacrifices. He sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat. In this way he made atonement for the sins of the people.

What room did the high priest go through before he entered the Holy of

Holies? _____

13. The priest first went through the Holy Place. That was the first room. Then he went into the second room where the mercy seat was. This was the Holy of Holies.

What was this room for? _____

14. The second room was the place for God to stay in. He wanted to stay in the middle of his people.

What was the name of the second room? (1) The Holy Place

(2) _____

15. The second room was the Holy of Holies. This was a very special place. The priest went in only once a year.

What was the second room for? _____

16. The Holy of Holies was the place where God lived. We have seen that the tabernacle was very different from our churches today. Our churches are open. We all come inside. We all pray. Much has been changed since the coming of Christ. God does not live in a building now.

1 Corinthians 6:19:

Do you not know that your body is a temple (or tabernacle) of the Holy Spirit within you . . . ?

From this verse, where does God live today? _____

17. Today God lives in our bodies. He lives in our hearts.

Write the names of the two rooms in the tabernacle.

(1) _____ (2) _____

What was the second room for? _____

WEEK 6: EXODUS

DAY 4: TODAY WE CAN COME NEAR TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST

Exodus Chapters 25 to 40

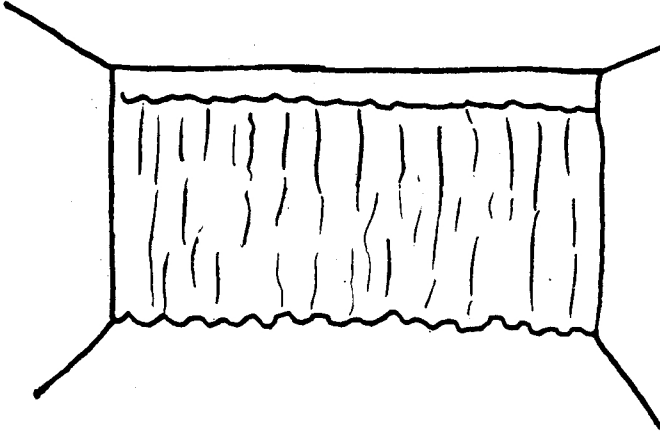
1. Welcome to another lesson. We hope you have enjoyed these lessons on the book of Exodus. This last lesson has a very important message for each of us. We are still talking about the tabernacle.

Write the names of the rooms in the tabernacle.

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. First there was the Holy Place. Then there was the Holy of Holies. Between the two rooms there was a curtain. This curtain kept people from seeing into the Holy of Holies. It kept them from going there. This curtain showed that men cannot come near to God by themselves. The curtain looked something like this:



What was the second room of the tabernacle for? _____

3. The Holy of Holies was the room for God to live in. This room was closed by a curtain. God is perfect. He is holy. He cannot look at sin. Nothing that is sinful can come near to him. But men are sinful. They are always breaking God's laws.

Isaiah 59:2:

Your iniquities (or sins) have made a separation between you and your God.

Why can men not come to God by themselves? _____

What was it in the tabernacle which showed this? _____

4. A curtain in the tabernacle showed that men cannot come to God by themselves. We have seen that men are sinful. We saw that Adam and Eve took their own way. They broke their fellowship with God. And since that time people have taken their own way. Because of this, they cannot come near to God.

The people of Israel also took their own way. But God began to send a way of salvation through them. He told them to bring sacrifices. He told them to have a day of Atonement. On this day the priest went into the Holy of Holies. He sprinkled blood on the mercy seat. But the curtain was not taken away.

Why do you think the curtain was not taken away? _____

5. You could answer many things here. You could say that men were still not ready to come near to God. You say that men were still sinful. They were not good enough to come straight to God.

Where was the curtain which showed that men cannot come to God by themselves? _____

6. This curtain was in the tabernacle. It closed the way to the Holy of Holies. It closed the way to the room where God stayed.

What did this curtain show that men cannot do to God? _____

7. It showed that men cannot come to God by themselves. By himself, man is sinful. The only way he could come to God in the Old Testament was through sacrifices. The blood of the sacrifices was taken into the Holy of Holies once a year. The Holy of Holies was closed so that people did not try to come straight to God.

What was in the tabernacle which showed that men cannot come to God by

themselves? _____

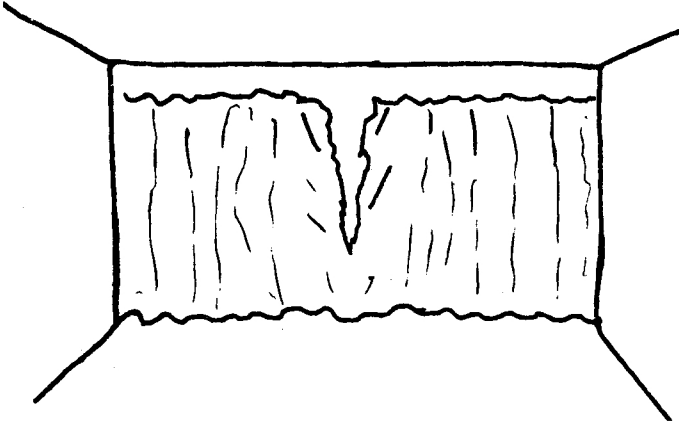
8. It was a curtain. The curtain was in the tabernacle. It closed the way to the Holy of Holies

What did the curtain show? _____

9. The curtain showed that men cannot come to God by themselves. But after many years something happened to the curtain. God did something to it.

Mark 15:37-38:

And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last (or died). And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.



When was the curtain torn? _____

10. The curtain was torn on the day that Jesus died. As soon as he finished breathing, the curtain was torn in two pieces. This means that its work was finished. It was not needed any more.

The curtain and the tabernacle were part of the law which God gave Moses. Now God had made a better way for men to come to him. Men did not need to come through the law any more. This does not mean that the law of Moses was destroyed. Look what Jesus said about himself.

Matthew 5:17:

Think not that I have come to abolish (or destroy) the law and the prophets: I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Is God still hidden by a curtain now? _____

11. The way to God is open now. The curtain is taken away. The law of Moses is fulfilled. There is a better way to come to God now.

The curtain was torn from top to bottom. The people could see right into the Holy of Holies. This was not an accident. God himself did it. He did it to show that the way is open. In his death, Jesus offered a perfect sacrifice. He offered the last sacrifice for all the sins of men. God wanted to show that the way is open now.

What way did Jesus open when he died? _____

12. Jesus opened the way for men to come to God. The law of Moses and the tabernacle showed that the way was closed. They showed that God is holy. They showed that man is sinful. They showed that man had to come to God through sacrifices. He had to come through the worship of the tabernacle.

What was torn to show that the way was opened by Christ? _____

13. The curtain showed that men cannot come to God by themselves. But when Christ died the curtain was torn. The way was opened.

Hebrews 10:19-20:

we have confidence to enter the sanctuary (or the Holy of Holies) by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain.

Through whom can we come near to God now? _____

14. Christ opened the way by his death. The curtain has been taken away. Now we can come to God ourselves, but we must come through Christ. As we receive Christ, our sins are taken away. They no longer keep us from coming to God.

What did the curtain in the tabernacle show? _____

15. The curtain showed that men could not come to God by themselves. But the curtain has been taken away now. We do not need the tabernacle now. The tabernacle and the law of Moses have been fulfilled. This does not mean that we can do wrong things. When we accept the last sacrifice, we are changed. We are made right. We are given fellowship with God

again. And he makes us able to do right things.

Through whom can we come near to God now? _____

16. At the death of Christ the curtain was taken away. The law of Moses was fulfilled. The law showed many good things. The Ten Commandments showed how God's people should live. This is still the right way. Most of the Ten Commandments are repeated in the New Testament. But we are not saved by keeping commandments. We are saved through the one who died for us.

Do you thank God every day for the one who died for your sins? _____

17. What did the curtain in the tabernacle show? _____

Through whom can we come near to God today? _____

WEEK 6: EXODUS
DAY 5: REVISION

We have learned many wonderful things from the book of Exodus. Today let us take time to revise again. Next week we will go on to the book of Leviticus. Let us first see if you remember everything we have studied.

We will look at your answers when we meet for class. If you think one of your answers is wrong, look back at the teaching. Remember not to look back until you have written your answer. If your answer is wrong, write the correct answer beside it.

Teaching of Week 5.

1. What is the meaning of the name of the second book in the Bible? _____

2. What are the two big stories in the book of Exodus?

(1) _____

(2) _____

3. What did God do to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

4. What did the Passover Feast point forward to? _____

What does our Communion service point back to? _____

5. What wrong thing did the people of Israel do when they had trouble? _____

What two things should we do when we have trouble?

(1) _____

(2) _____

6. Who made promises in the old agreement?

(1) _____ (2) _____

What was the way for the people of Israel to continue in the old agreement?

Teaching of Week 6.

7. Say the Ten Commandments which God gave the people of Israel.

Can we be saved by keeping the laws of God? _____

How can we be saved? _____

8. Where did the people of Israel worship God? _____

How did they worship him? _____

9. Write the names of the two rooms in the tabernacle.

(1) _____

(2) _____

What was the second room for? _____

10. What did the curtain in the tabernacle show? _____

Through whom can we come near to God today? _____

When you have finished with these questions, go back to the revision at the end of Week 4. Put your hand over the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.
