

## **The Bible in Story Number 20—Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-38**

### **Introduction**

The Hebrews had seen the wonderful things which happened in Egypt.  
They saw that God divided the sea for them and drowned the Egyptian soldiers.  
They received water from the rock at Horeb.  
They saw God's glory and heard His voice.  
Yet—they made a golden calf to worship.  
Moses had received the second writing of the ten commandments.  
Surely, now they are ready and will to worship and serve God.

### **The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-38.**

#### **They required:**

The Israelites must obey the one and true living God.  
They must not worship idols—in any way.  
They must not take the name of Jehovah in vain.  
They must keep the Sabbath.  
They must honour their parents.  
They must not murder.  
They must not commit adultery.  
They must not steal.  
They must not “bear false witness” (tell lies to get others in trouble)  
They must not covet (have strong desire for what belongs to someone else).

**The ten commandments** were written on two tablets of stone, written by the finger of God. They were to be taught diligently. (Exodus 24:12) They were to be preserved (Exodus 31:18). The tablets were put in the Ark of the Covenant (Deuteronomy 10:1-5; Hebrews 9:4).

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Have you observed the power of prayer to God?  
Abram—Genesis 19: 20:17.  
Moses—Exodus 32:11-24.  
Elijah—1 Kings 18:36-38; 18:41-46; James 5:17-18.
2. Are we as untrustworthy and changeable as the Hebrews were?
3. Have you, in the stories thus far, seen God's willingness to forgive?
4. Has God failed in any of His promises?