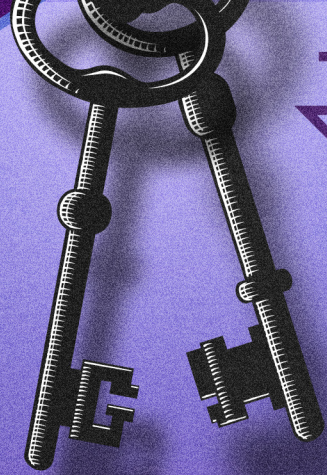


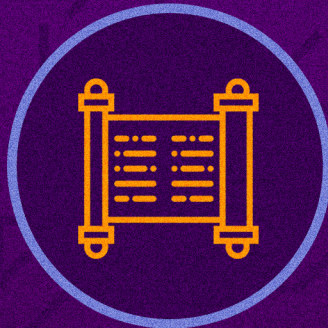
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THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

ESCAPE ROOM

Your students are on a mission! They are returning to [the Sinai Peninsula](#), to the foot of [Mount Sinai](#), where [Moses was given the law of God](#). Like most of God's unfolding story, this portion of the Bible contained mysteries to almost everyone at the time!

Students will be taken back to solve the mysteries of what happened by decoding the facts—so they can SEE THE LIGHT of a glorious event!

Students will learn all the surrounding lessons from The Ten Commandments.

IT STARTS COMING TOGETHER ON A MOUNTAINSIDE, where [lightning, smoke, and fire have the people awed and paralyzed](#). To discover the **LIGHT**, students will use **ciphers, Morse code, cryptograms, and other puzzles**.

Each mystery is unique. Some puzzles are easy for younger children; others require guidance or wisdom from older counterparts. The main fun is that the codes require critical thinking to determine what secret lies behind each symbol. Each code will reveal interesting facts about faith in new beginnings. These exercises will keep your students captivated while encouraging friendly competition to crack the final code.

The fun for teachers and parents is the lack of prep. This is a **PRINT AND GO** activity requiring little else! Enjoy solving the codes with the kids without cutting, pasting, and problem-solving beforehand.

The best age range for our ESCAPE ROOMS is 8 and up. Younger students can still participate, but they may need some help.

The escape room package includes:

- Teacher Instructions
- Student Instructions
- Four Mysteries
- Four Decoders
- One Final Challenge
- Keys to the Kingdom (Prizes)
- Answer Key

The objective of our ESCAPE ROOM is to read and solve the four mysteries and complete the final challenge in the time allotted, and thereby earn a key.



TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Students can complete the escape room alone, in partners, or teams. If you have a child younger than 8, we suggest they are paired with an older teammate.
2. Print out the 4 mysteries and final challenge for each student/team to fill in (pages 6-9).
3. Print out the 4 “decoders” (pages 12-15) and either spread them out so kids can view them as needed or hang them on the walls. Make sure they are placed where several students can congregate at once if needed.
4. Tell students they have [you decide] minutes to solve the 4 mysteries by decoding the answers, answering the multiple-choice questions, and figuring out the final 4-digit code. Between 30 and 60 minutes usually works well, depending on the age and ability of students.
5. Students can solve the mysteries in ANY order. Encourage them by saying, “If you get stuck, just move on and come back to the tricky one later.”

Note: The first time students see the codes, they may find them a bit confounding. That’s okay! Let them exercise their clue-solving skills independently for a bit before you jump in to help them.

6. Students will not be able to figure out the final code without reading through each mystery.
7. After all mysteries are solved and decoded, the four-digit code is cracked, and the Final Challenge is complete, give out prizes (keys). One key (symbolic to the keys to the Kingdom) should be given to each child involved in finding the solutions.
8. If time permits, review the answers to the Final Challenge to help reinforce the material.



ESCAPE ROOM INSTRUCTIONS



SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

The Bible is filled with sound wisdom, great advice—and BIG MYSTERIES THAT NEED SOLVING!

Here is where you come in. Today we will be solving four mysteries that have to do with the Ten Commandments. These are found in the following places in the Bible:

- Exodus 19-20

Your teacher may want you to read some of these passages first. Be sure to ask!

THE FIRST MYSTERY: WHY DID MOSES RECEIVE TWO SETS OF TABLETS?

THE SECOND MYSTERY: WHAT ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

THE THIRD MYSTERY: WHERE ARE THE TABLETS TODAY?

THE FOURTH MYSTERY: DIDN'T JESUS SET US FREE FROM THE LAW?

YOUR MISSION: SHED LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIES

Jesus said “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” It is our job to understand God’s word so we can defend it!

THE MYSTERIES: Mysteries #1, #2, #3, and #4 will introduce you to people, places, and things in the context of the Bible. Each mystery will raise a question you need to answer.

THE DECODER: Visit the decoder for each mystery and SHED YOUR LIGHT (solve the mystery)!

THE KEY: Once you have solved ALL FOUR MYSTERIES using each one’s DECODER, you must take one final step and earn the KEY. This KEY is a symbol of the KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN! In order to earn the key, you must decipher the four numbers needed on the four-digit code page.

When you have SHED LIGHT on the four MYSTERIES and obtained the four-digit KEY CODE, you will be given your symbolic KEY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

GO FORTH, SHEDDING LIGHT TO A WORLD FILLED WITH DARKNESS, OBTAINING KEYS TO THE KINGDOM!



MYSTERY #1:

WHY DID MOSES RECEIVE TWO SETS OF TABLETS?

As Moses and the people journeyed into the wilderness, they were accompanied by God who appeared as a pillar of cloud and fire. But before the Israelites began their journey to the Promised Land, God wanted to lay some ground rules for His people. The slaves had been living so long among the Egyptians, they had most likely forgotten much of what God expected of them. Let's see what happens as God reveals His laws to His people, including the Ten Commandments.

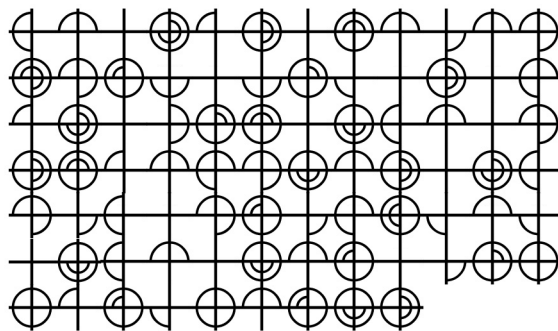
1. After the Israelites had escaped the Egyptians, they had been living in the desert for a few months near Mount Sinai.
2. God commanded Moses to go to the top of Mount Sinai where He would give him the law. Everyone heard God's voice, and saw His presence as a cloud at the top. They knew that Moses was there speaking with God.
3. At the top of Mount Sinai, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. He even wrote them out on a stone tablet with His own finger! God also told Moses all the laws that the people should live by.
4. After 40 days spent with God on the mountain, Moses went back down to the people. But when he arrived, he found them worshipping an idol they had made of a golden calf. They had forgotten their God who had saved them and Moses was so angry he smashed the tablets to the ground!
5. Once the people repented, Moses went back up the mountain and heard more laws. He had to carve out a second set of tablets for God to write down the Ten Commandments again.
6. As Christians, we don't have to follow all the laws Moses wrote. But we rely on the Ten Commandments for guidance on how to live in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

QUESTION

What were the Israelites doing that made Moses so mad he broke the first set of tablets?

- a. eating unclean food b. sleeping c. drinking wine d. worshipping an idol

Question: Why did Moses spend 40 days at the top of Mount Sinai?





SECRET CODE



MYSTERY #2:

WHAT ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

The list of laws God gave to the Israelites is VERY long. There are over 600 rules to follow, and they are very detailed! These laws tell everything to do, from eating to paying back money. But the Ten Commandments are a very special part of God's law. God wanted to make sure they were remembered, so He was the one who wrote them down. Let's take a look at the "Ten Commandments for Kids," though the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai got the longer, harder version!

1. Don't have other gods.
2. Don't have idols.
3. Honor God's name.
4. Honor the Sabbath.
5. Honor your parents.
6. Don't murder.
7. Don't commit adultery.
8. Don't steal.
9. Don't lie.
10. Don't be jealous.

QUESTION

What is the special name of the day we should rest?

a. Saturday

b. lazy Sunday

c. Jubilee

d. Sabbath

Question: How do we know these 10 rules are important to God?

God _____ the _____ with His own _____

so we would _____ they are _____ and

_____ them.





MYSTERY #3:

WHERE ARE THE TABLETS TODAY?

After Moses made the second set of tablets with the Ten Commandments, God gave him rules for how the Israelites were to care for these special tablets. They were commanded to build a special resting place for them, called the Ark of the Covenant. It was a big box with beautiful angels on it and decorated with gold. The Ark and the tablets traveled around with the Israelites, and were stolen more than once by invading armies. After the Great Exile, the Ark of the Covenant was lost and today nobody knows where it is. Let's investigate some popular theories for what happened to the Ark.

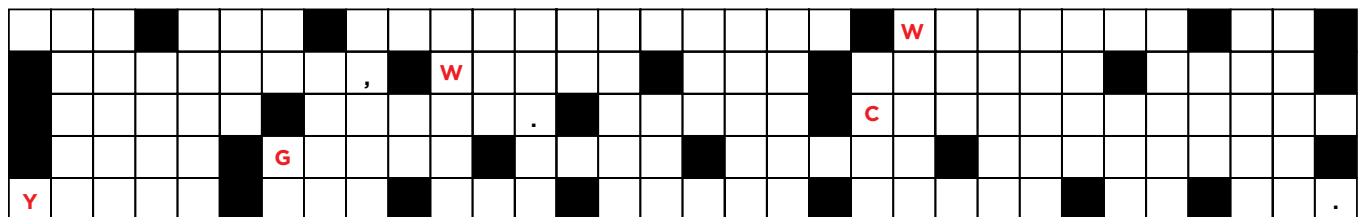
1. The Ark resided in Jerusalem from the time King David brought it there, around 1050 BC, until the Babylonian invasion of Judah in 585 BC. The Babylonians had a list of artifacts they stole from the Temple, but the Ark was not on it. Could the people of Judah have buried it in the catacombs under the Temple, where it remains to this day?
2. Since the 700s AD, the Dome of the Rock has been the Islamic holy site in Israel. It is on the alleged site of the former Temple. They will not allow digging under the site to see if the Ark is there.
3. The only mention of the Ark in the New Testament is in Revelation 11:19. It states that the Ark will be in heaven in the end times. Is it there NOW? Did God take it up to heaven when the Babylonians invaded?
4. Other people believe that a man took the Ark out of the Temple before the Babylonians invaded. They think he took the Ark to what is now a church in Ethiopia, where many believe it sits to this day.
5. Some people from Ireland think the Ark is buried under the Hill of Tara. Some people even believe the story of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow comes from this theory.
6. There is a TV reality show today called The Curse of Oak Island, about an island in Canada. Some believe the knights brought it over long ago and buried it for safekeeping.
7. You may investigate some more online, as there are a lot more theories out there. Many people are looking for the Ark, and the hunt can be a bit addictive! However, we should not let the hunt for the Ark detract us from the important message and the Ten Commandments that God left for us.

QUESTION

How do some people think the Ark moved from the temple to Ethiopia?

- a. The Babylonians took it there. b. It was on loan to a tribe. c. God's angels moved it.
d. A man took it there to keep it safe.

Question: What is more important than the Ark itself?







MYSTERY #4:

DIDN'T JESUS SET US FREE FROM THE LAW?

Some people like to quote Apostle Paul by saying that we have been freed from the Law of Moses. While this is true (we don't have to follow the 600-plus laws that God set forth for the people of Israel), it doesn't mean that we're free from following God's law. God's law includes the Ten Commandments, so let's learn about why they're still important today.

1. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that obedience to the law was important, but then taught a higher way to live the law. He taught, focusing on the reason behind living those laws.
2. Later in Jesus' ministry, disciples asked Him what was the most important commandment. Jesus responded that love for God and love for each other fulfills the whole law (Matthew 22:37-39)!
3. In Roman's 13:10 Apostle Paul says that acting in love fulfills the law!
4. When we follow God's commandments, we are showing God that we love him. And when we follow His commandments, we are sharing God's love with the world and showing others God's goodness.
5. All the commandments and the laws that God has given us, are given out of love. When we follow God's law, we are more likely to love others and less likely to be selfish.
6. Love is contagious. The more love we give, the more it spreads. This makes God very happy.
7. Love stops wars. Love stops anger. When someone is angry, and you answer them with a soft voice and compassion, the angry person either stops feeling angry or feels guilty for having been thoughtless.
8. The thing God hates most is heartbreak. Putting others first and other acts of love help us not to hurt anyone.
9. We know that we are saved through our faith in Jesus. But Apostle Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 13 that love is the most important thing. Any time we chose to obey a commandment rather than break it, we are choosing love. We are either loving God or someone important to Him.

QUESTION

What is true about love?

a. It is all about romance

b. It will make you look good

c. It is always easy

d. It fulfills every law God wrote

Question: Why is it so important to God that we obey the Ten Commandments?





SECRET CODE



4-DIGIT CODE ANSWER:

FIRST NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #1, the number of days Moses spent with God on Mount Sinai, MINUS 37

SECOND NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #2, the number of commandments....MINUS the number of letters in the name of the holy day of rest _____

THIRD NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #3, the second numeral in the date of the Babylonian invasion... MINUS the number of tablets in the Ark _____

FOURTH NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #4, the number of the chapter in Matthew where Jesus says love is the most important commandment... MINUS 13 _____

Enter the 4-digit code here to solve the The Ten Commandments: _ _ _ _

FINAL CHALLENGE

1. The Hill of Tara, where some people believe the Ark of the Covenant is kept, is located where?

- a. Ireland
- b. Ethiopia
- c. USA
- d. France

2. Where was Moses when God gave him the Law?

- a. he saw it in a dream
- b. in exile
- c. in Egypt
- d. Mount Sinai

3. God never wants us to worship:

- a. idols
- b. false gods
- c. either a or b

4. Instead of storing your treasures here on earth, you should store them ...?

- a. in a vault
- b. with a friend
- c. in your heart
- d. in heaven

5. What book of the Bible mentions the Ark being in heaven?

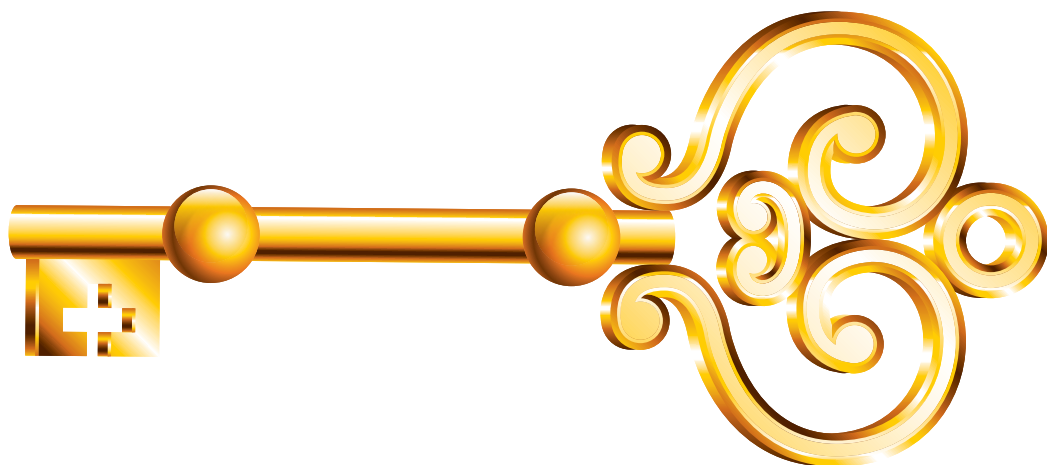
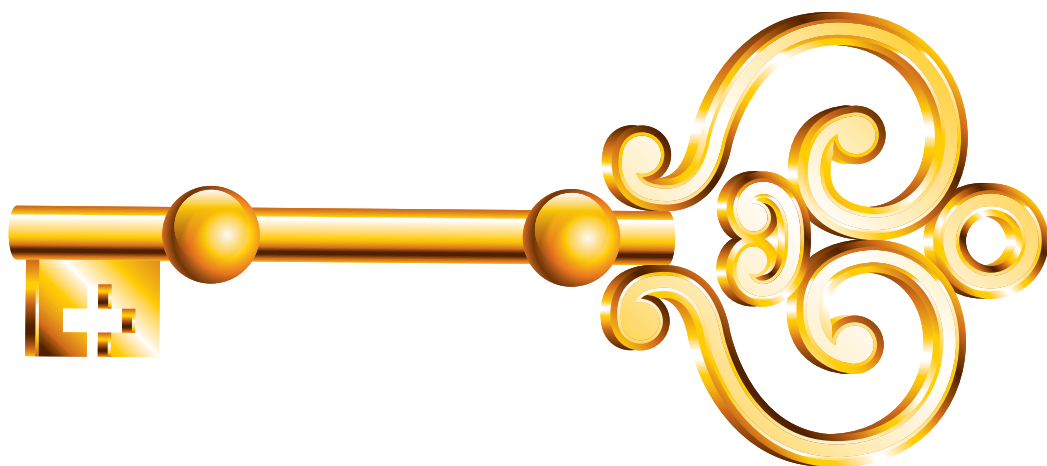
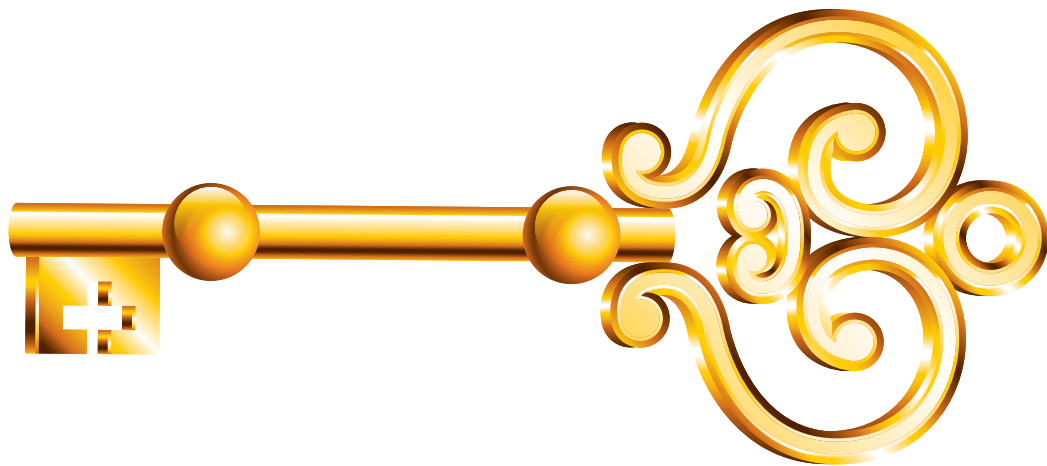
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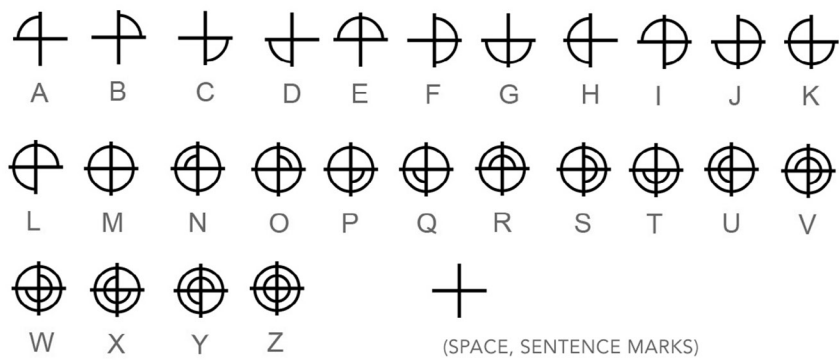
6. Out of all God's commandments, which is the most important?

- a. Don't be jealous
- b. Do not steal
- c. Love God & others
- d. Do not murder

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

Print and cut out these keys, one for each person who solves the mysteries.







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 E O A I E R T
 S W F K N A
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ANSWERS

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- a. eating unclean food b. sleeping c. drinking wine **d. worshipping an idol**

SOLUTION: He was receiving God's law for the Israelites which included the Ten Commandments.

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SOLUTION: God wrote the commandments with His own finger so we would know they are important and remember them.

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SOLUTION: The Ten Commandments written on the tablets, which God shared from Mount Sinai. These commandments were given over three thousand years ago yet still apply to us.

MYSTERY 4:

Question: What is true about love?

- a. It is all about romance b. It will make you look good c. It is always easy

d. It fulfills every law God wrote

SOLUTION: Because we spread God's love when we follow them.

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CIPHER HINTS

CIRCULAR GLYPHS (PAGE 12)

Each symbol represents a letter of the alphabet. Match up symbols to the alphabet in the decoder to reveal the hidden message.

FONT SCRAMBLE (PAGE 13)

Organize the letters into groups by font and color. Then unscramble the letters in each group, putting them in the correct order to reveal the correct word.

LETTER FALL (PAGE 14)

Put the letters back up on the board, matching up each letter to each blank space. Each letter is in the correct column, just remember to account for punctuation!

BRaille (PAGE 15)

This is a substitution cipher. Match each symbol up to each letter to reveal the coded message.