

# Ages 3-6: Mount Sinai Collage

## Materials Needed

*Mt Sinai Template*, *Ten Commandments Templates*, cotton balls or cotton wool, scissors, glue, glitter, finger paints, wipes to clean hands, black crayon or black paper for background

## Prepare in Advance

Print a copy of the *Mount Sinai Template* for each child. Print a copy of *The Ten Commandments Template* and cut them apart. Gather other supplies.

## New Church Concept

### Teacher Background

"Heaven exists wherever the Divine is present. This being so, it exists with and within everyone possessing charity and faith, since charity and faith are what constitute heaven, because they are what come from the Divine. There also angels live. The truth that heaven is where the Divine, that is, the Lord, is present is evident from the fact that Mount Sinai, from which the Lord spoke, is called 'heaven' here. This also is the reason why 'Mount Sinai' means heaven, from which Divine Truth flows." *Arcana Coelestia* 8931

The Lord gave the Ten Commandments dramatically on Mount Sinai, a prominent mountain in the wilderness. Emphasize the spectacular way in which the Lord delivered these laws by creating a collage that shows the children of Israel at the foot of the mountain enveloped in cloud, with thunder and lightning.



1. We are going to make a picture showing the special way the Lord gave the Ten Commandments.
2. Give each child a *Mount Sinai Template* and a black crayon. Invite the children to create a dark sky around the mountain with a black crayon. Or, have them cut out Mount Sinai and glue it to a piece of black paper.
3. Add streaks of lightning by drawing them with glue and sprinkling them with glitter. Shake off any excess.
4. Give each child 4-5 cotton balls. Invite them to gently pull them apart to form clouds. Glue the clouds around the top of the mountain.
5. Distribute copies of the Ten Commandments in Hebrew. Glue them above the mountain to show how the Lord wrote them in Hebrew on two tablets of stone.
6. To show the people gathered around the mountain, invite children to dip their finger tips in paint. Use two or more colors of paint to give the feel of a crowd of people. (See picture above.)
7. Wipe or wash children's hands.

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"As regards 'Mount Sinai', in the highest sense it means Divine Truth emanating from Divine Good, Divine Good being meant by 'mountain' and Divine Truth by 'Sinai'. In the internal sense it means the truth of faith springing from good, in this instance the truth of faith that is to be implanted in good since the Law had not as yet been declared from there. The reason why 'Mount Sinai' has these meanings is that the Law was declared from there by the Lord, and the Law is Divine Truth emanating from Divine Good, and also is the truth of faith springing from good." *Arcana Coelestia* 8753







