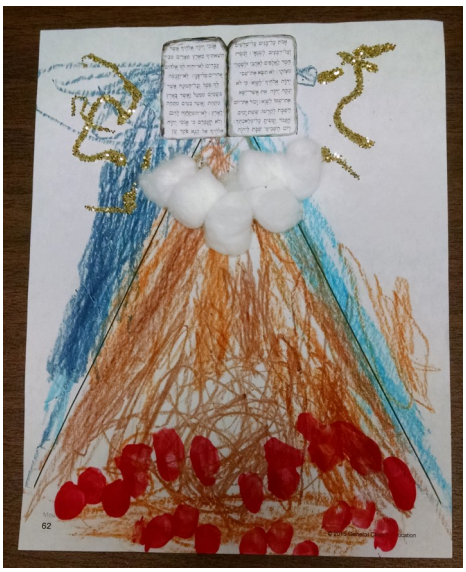
Learn by Doing

Choice The People at Mount Sinai



The children of Israel agreed to obey the Lord at Mount Sinai. They stood at the bottom of the mountain while Moses went up and received the Ten Commandments from the Lord. Students will create a picture showing the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

1. Give each child a *Mount Sinai Background* (p. 2) and have them color the mountain and the sky.
2. Have children dip their fingers in a tray of finger paint and press them down along the bottom of the page as shown in the picture. These are the people around the mountain. Wipe off the children's hands.
3. Give each child a copy of the Ten Commandments from p. 3. Tell them the commandments are written on the table in Hebrew, just as they were with the real tables of stone. These were very special because they were written by the finger of God. Help them glue the Ten Commandments at the top of the mountain.
4. Add pieces of cotton balls or cotton wool on the mountain under the Ten Commandments to represent the clouds that covered the top of Sinai.
5. Add glitter around the Ten Commandments.

Materials Needed

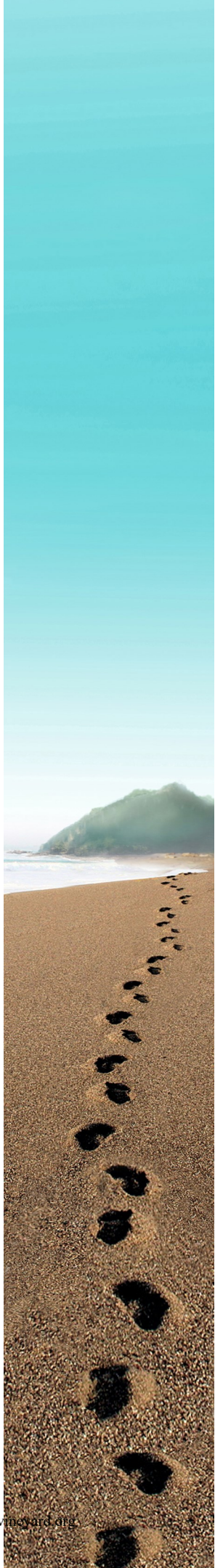
crayons, finger paints, finger paint trays, newspaper or disposable tablecloth, wet paper towels or wet wipes, glue, cotton balls, glitter, scissors, one copy of *Mount Sinai Background* p. 2 for each child, and 1-2 copies of the *Ten Commandments* p. 3 to share; *optional*: art smocks to protect children's clothing

Prepare in Advance

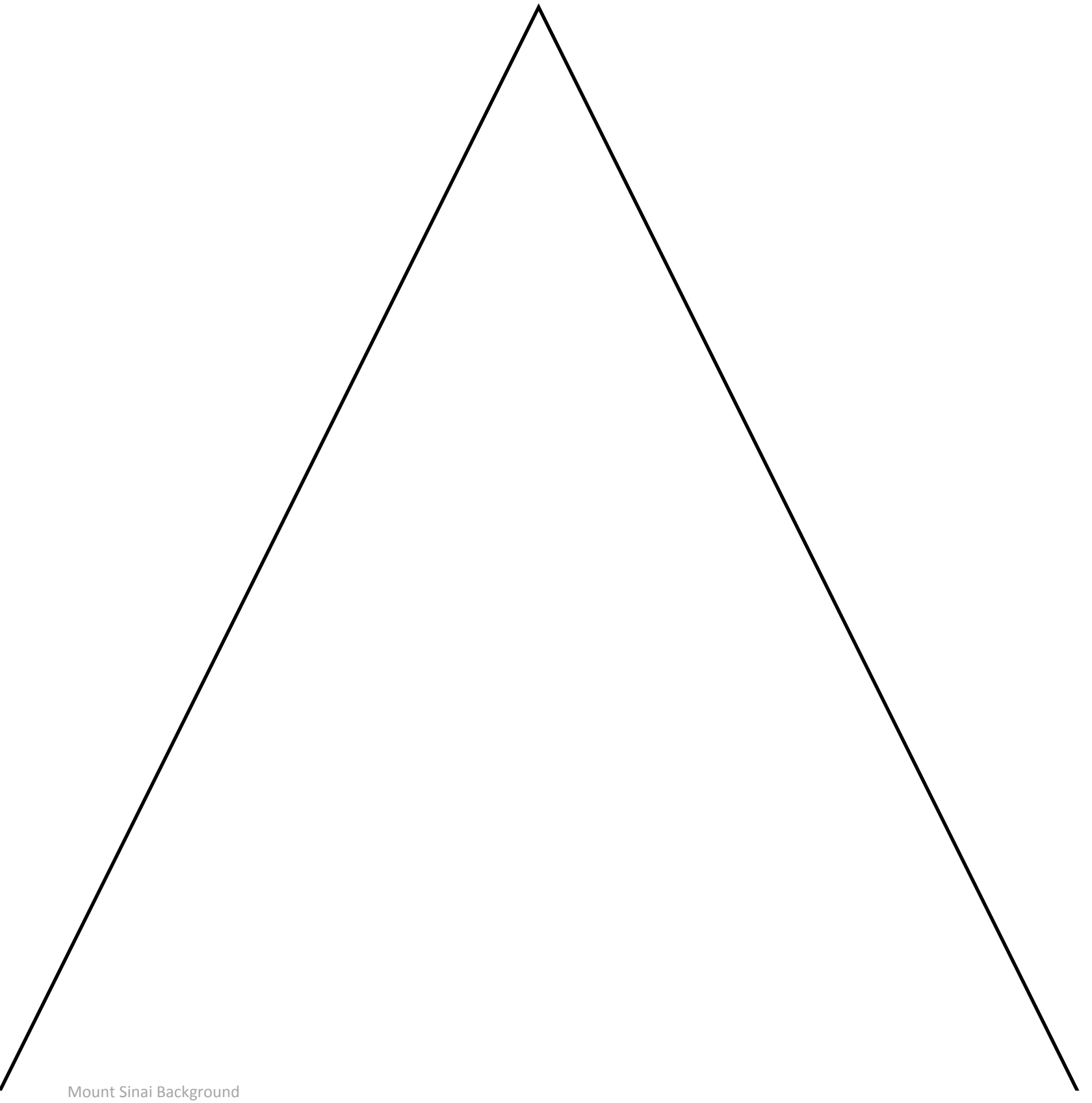
Print *The Ten Commandments* (p. 3) and cut apart the 8 sets of tables. Each student needs one set. Print a copy of *Mount Sinai Background* (p. 2) for each student. Cover the table and prepare paint trays and hand wipes.

New Church Concept
Ten Commandments

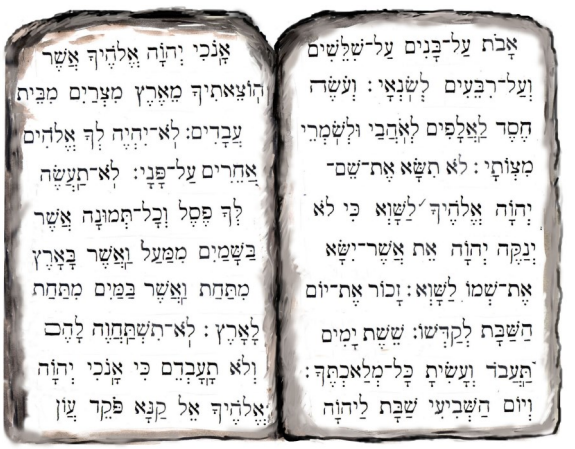
Such great holiness and power were in [the Ten Commandments], because they were the summary of the whole of religion. *True Christian Religion* 286



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Mount Sinai Background


אָבֹת עַל־בָּנִים עַל־שְׁלֹשִׁים
וְעַל־רִבֵּעִים לְשֹׂנְאָי: וְעֹשֶׂה
חֶסֶד לַאֲלָפִים לְאֹהֲבַי וּלְשֹׁמְרֵי
מִצְוֹתָי: לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם־
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לַשָּׁוְא כִּי לֹא
יְנַקֶּה יְהוָה אֵת אֲשֶׁר־יִשָּׂא
אֶת־שְׁמוֹ לַשָּׁוְא: זָכוֹר אֶת־יוֹם
הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ: שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים
תַּעֲבֹד וְעָשִׂיתָ כָּל־מְלַאכְתֶּךָ:
וְיוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבָּת לַיהוָה

אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר
הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית
עֲבָדִים: לֹא־יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים
אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנָי: לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה
לְךָ פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר
בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וַאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ
מִתָּחַת וַאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת
לָאָרֶץ: לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם
וְלֹא תָעָבְדֵם כִּי אָנֹכִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַנָּא פֹּקֵד עֲוֹן