

# Toddling Through God's Word: Wandering Through the Desert

"Love the Lord" to the tune of "Pop Goes the Weasel"

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## Activity 1: Pillars of Cloud and Fire (Exodus 13:21-22)

### You Need:

- 2 popsicle sticks
- Yellow, red, and orange paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Cotton ball

Say: "God loved His people. They were wandering in the desert. There were no GPS devices back then! God guided His people. God guided them by clouds during the day and by fire at night."

1. Assist your child in making the pillar of clouds by gluing a cotton ball onto one popsicle stick.
2. Trace your child's hand on the yellow, red, and orange papers and cut them out.
3. Help your child glue the three cut-out hands on the other

popsicle stick. This represents the fire.

4. Let your child guide you around the house with the "pillar of clouds." Then turn the light off. Let your child guide you around the house with the "pillar of fire."



Activity 2: God gives His people water and food. (Exodus 15:22-27, 16:1-21)

**You Need:**

- Cup of water to drink
- Bread or crackers to represent manna

Say: "God's people did not have water or food! They were hungry and thirsty. God provided. Water came from a rock. Food fell from the sky. Our God can do anything!"

1. Prepare bread and water for your child.
2. Say a prayer of thanks for our food.

Activity 3: Moses on the mountain (Exodus chapter 24)

**You Need:**

- Adult Bible

Say: "God told Moses to climb up a mountain to listen to Him. Moses obeyed. Moses spent 40 days and nights on the mountain listening to God."

1. Say: "God told Moses to climb a mountain to listen to God. Today we can listen to God by reading His word, the Bible. We can also talk to God. When we pray we talk to God. We don't have to climb a mountain to read the Bible or talk to God. We can read the Bible or talk to God anywhere!"
2. Let your child pick a place to pray and read Isaiah 40:8 in the Bible.

Activity 4: The Golden Calf (Exodus chapter 32)

**You Need:**

- Playdough

Say: "Moses had been on that mountain listening to God and praying for a long time! God's people were not on the mountain. They were waiting for Moses.

"God's people became impatient. They started saying, "Will Moses ever come down? I don't think so. Is God even real?" Then God's people made a horrible choice. They made a pretend golden calf and called that pretend calf, "god." They worshiped that pretend calf.

"Then Moses came back. He was angry at the people's disobedience. He smashed the pretend calf. Then he burned it."

1. Let your child make an animal out of playdough.
2. Ask your child if the playdough animal can talk or walk. Ask your child if the playdough can keep you safe or give you food. Say: "Your playdough animal and the pretend golden calf are not real. A real animal or calf could moo and walk, but it cannot keep us safe or give us food. Only God can do that!"
3. If your child wants to, he or she can smash the playdough animal like Moses smashed the golden calf, but he or she does not have to.



#### Activity 5: The 10 Commandments (Exodus chapter 34)

##### You Need:

- 10 Commandments Printable
- Scissors
- Glue

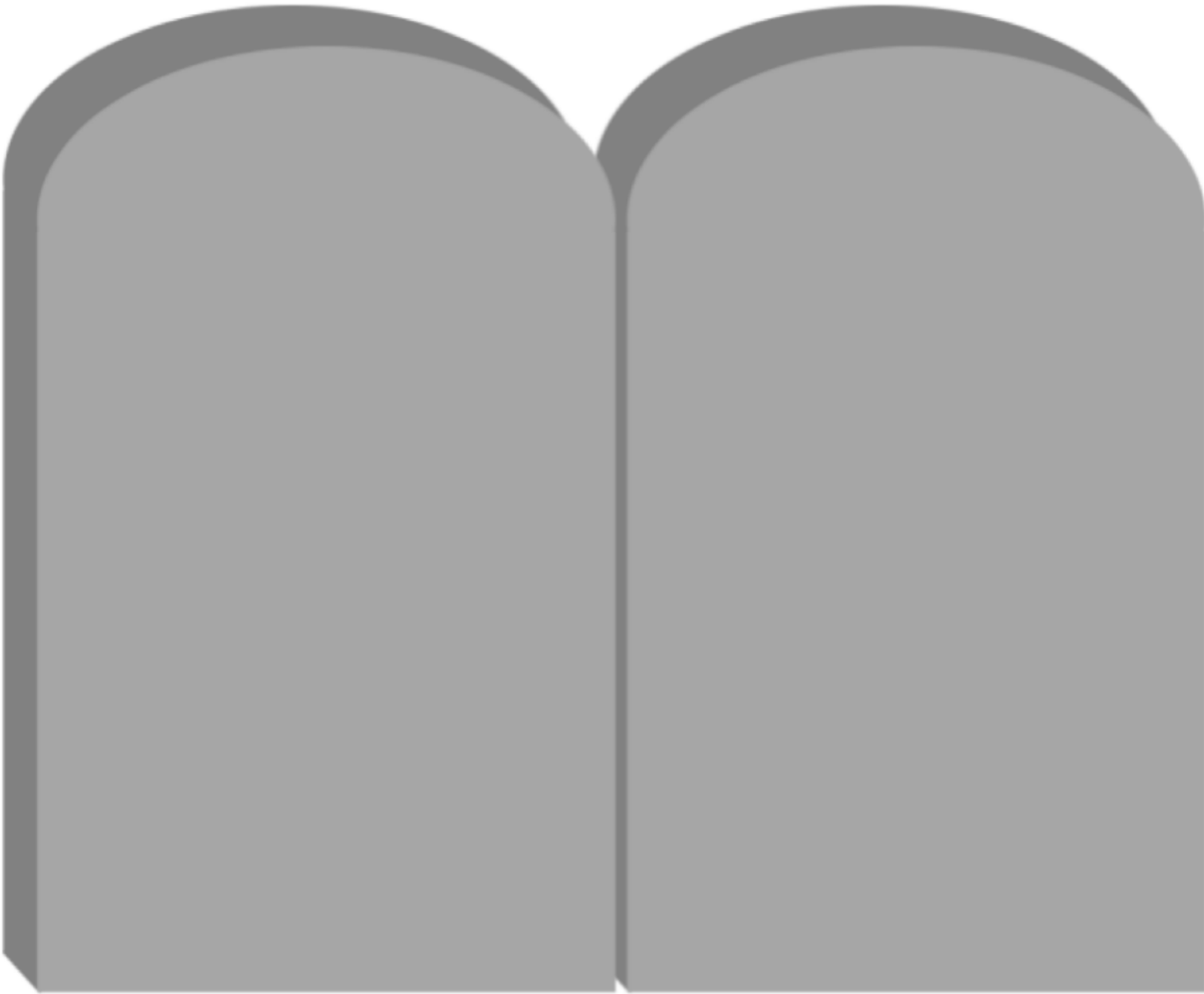
Say: "God gave Moses ten rules to share with His people. These rules were called the 10 commandments. Jesus summarized these 10 commandments. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all

your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself."

1. Help your child complete the 10 Commandments Printable.



# 10 Commandments



Cut out the images on the next page. On the first tablet glue, "Love God." On the second tablet glue, "Love others."

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