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¹⁰And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. ¹³He shall surely be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on him. Whether man or animal, he shall not be permitted to live.’ Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they go up to the mountain.”

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²⁰The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up ²¹and the LORD said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish. ²²Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.”

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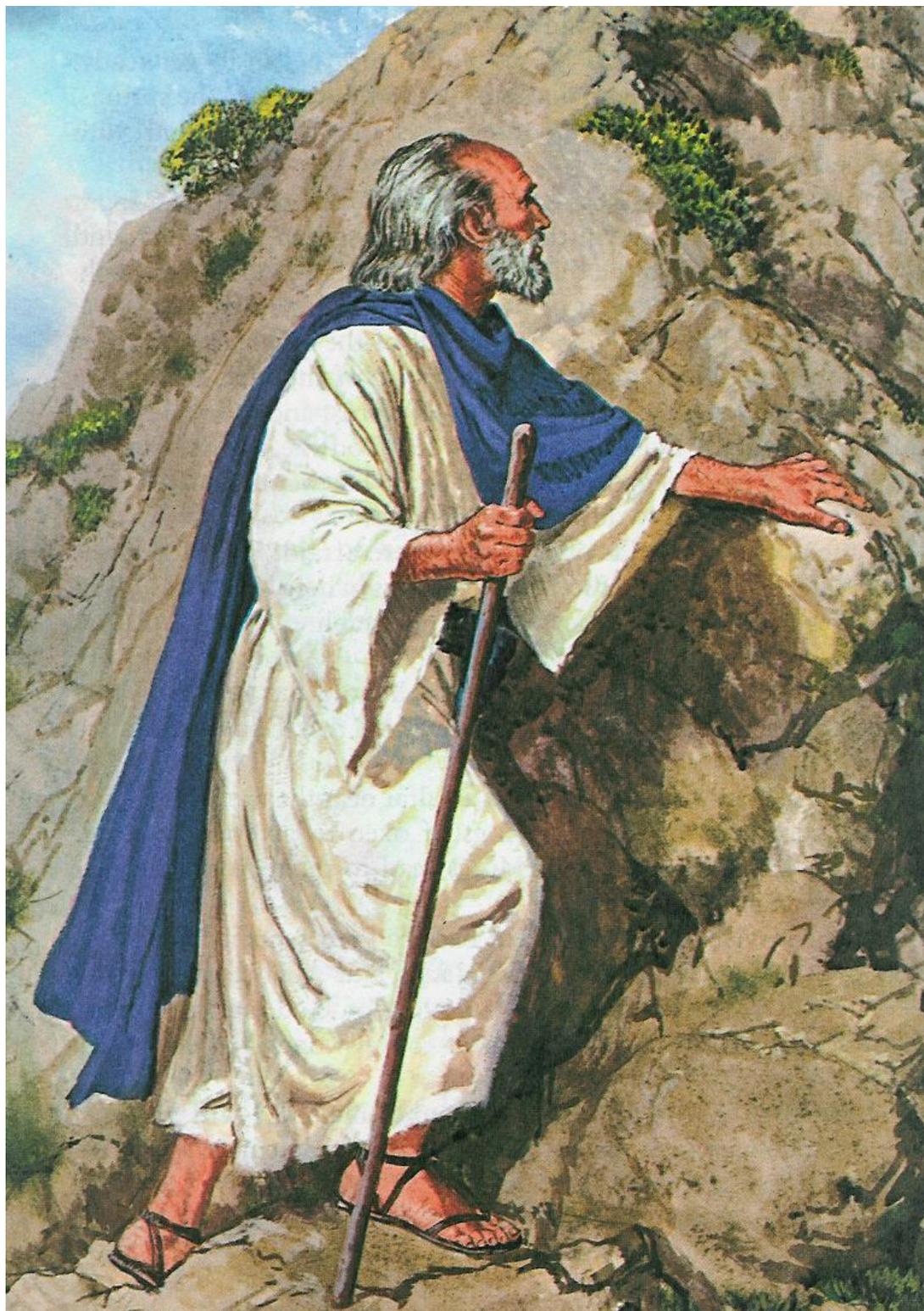
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God speaks to Moses and Aaron on the top of Mount Sinai

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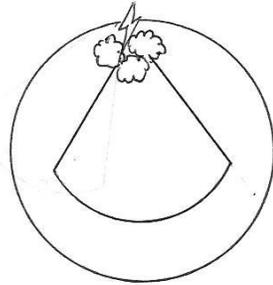
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MOUNT SINAI

Students will make a model of Mount Sinai to remind them of how Moses climbed to the top of the mountain to hear from God.

MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Mountain Pattern
3. Glue
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Scissors
6. Dirt
7. Paper Plates
8. Cotton Balls
9. Tape



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the mountain pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the mountain brown and the lightning bolt yellow with a crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Cut out the mountain and the lightning bolt on the solid black lines.
4. Bend the two straight edges of the mountain toward each other and tape them together in the shape of a cone.
5. Tape the mountain to a paper plate.
6. Glue cotton balls to the top of the mountain to represent clouds.
7. Glue the lightning bolt to the cotton balls.
8. Optional: Drizzle glue around the mountain and sprinkle dirt on it.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their mountains, remind them that God was using this experience on the mountain to mark his covenant with the Israelites. God promised that the Israelites would be God's treasured possession if they obeyed Him fully (Exodus 19:5). Loving God requires us to obey his commands. Explain the memory verse below to your students.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 20 minutes

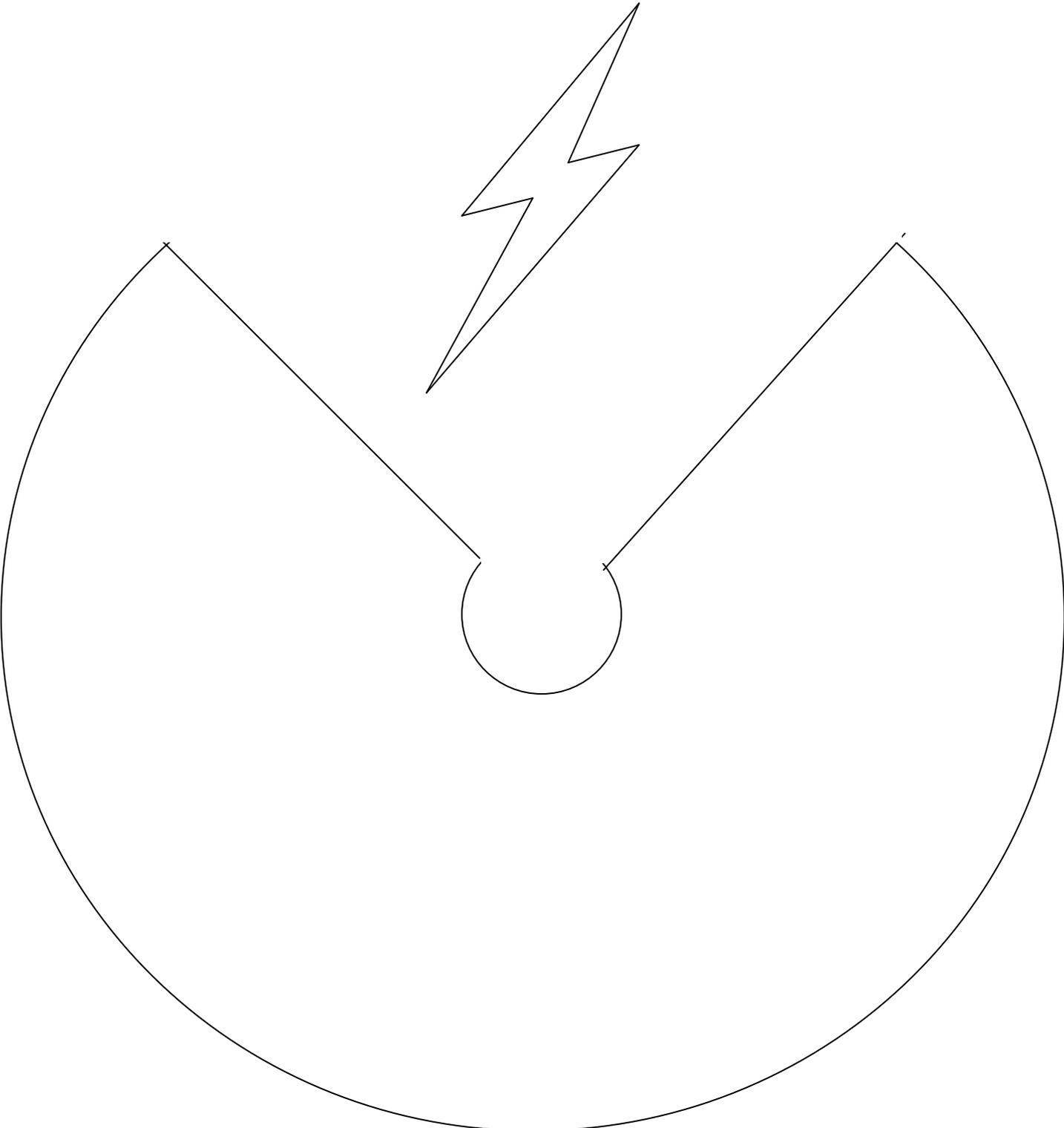
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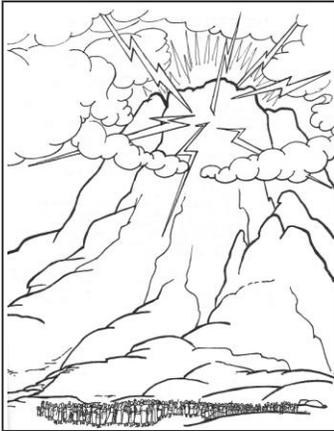
MOUNTAIN PATTERN



THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON NUMBERS 21:4-9

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Three months after escaping from Egypt, the Israelites camped out at the base of Mount Sinai.

Moses went up the mountain and the Lord spoke to him. The Lord told Moses to tell the

people, "If you obey me, you will be my treasured possession; a holy nation."

So Moses went back down the mountain and spoke with the elders, or leaders, of the Israelites. They agreed to obey God.

Moses went up the mountain again. Moses told the Lord that the people would obey him.

The Lord told Moses to have the people wash their clothes and be ready in three days.

Three days later, there was thunder, lightning, a thick cloud, and smoke on Mount Sinai. A trumpet blast could be heard and the mountain began to shake. The trumpet blast got louder and louder.

The Lord was on the top of the mountain. The Lord told Moses to come up on the mountain. The Lord reminded Moses to tell the people not to climb the mountain or they would die. Only Aaron could be up on the top of the mountain with Moses and the Lord.

To find out more details about this story, read Numbers 21:4-9 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened three months after the Israelites left Egypt?
2. What did the Lord want the people to do?
3. Who did the Lord speak to?
4. Why do you think the Lord was covered in a thick cloud and smoke?

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WORD SCRAMBLE

AARON	ISRAELITES	MOSES
ELDERS	MOUNTAIN	CLOUD

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