

## God Gives the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai

About 2 minutes, from Exodus chapters 19-20, and Deut. 6

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

- Voice (of God)  
Moses  
Aaron  
Prompter                Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.  
Echoes                 Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.\
- Aaron                    I am Aaron. My brother Moses has organized us. He sought out honest and unselfish leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens. Now they need help to shepherd the people. Moses, why did you stop us here by this mountain in the Sinai desert?
- Moses                    Our God who freed us from slavery in Egypt will come down. Set the people apart, for the Lord Almighty will give us his Law. All the people will see what happens on Mt. Sinai. Let no man or animal touch the border of the mountain, or they will die.
- Aaron                    Stand back! Mount Sinai is all in smoke and fire; it is quaking violently.
- Prompter & Echoes    Terrifying!
- Moses                    I go up to the top, out of breath; the mountain keeps quaking fearfully! God gives me many orders and inscribes on stone ten basic commands.
- Voice                    You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall make no idols, or image of anything in heaven or on the earth.  
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Prompter & Echoes    Honor your father and mother.
- Prompter & Echoes    You shall not murder.
- Prompter & Echoes    You shall not commit adultery.
- Prompter & Echoes    You shall not steal.
- Prompter & Echoes    You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- Prompter & Echoes    You shall not covet.
- Aaron                    Look! Moses is finally coming back down, carrying two stone tablets. Lightning is flashing, and the mountain is still smoking.
- Prompter & Echoes    Stand back!
- Aaron                    I'm ashamed to say what else happened while we waited for Moses. He took so long on that mountain that the people got impatient; I made them a golden calf to worship, and they celebrated corruptly. Moses interceded for us, or God would have taken our lives.
- Moses                    Later, the Almighty has me proclaim the greatest of all His commands.
- Voice                    Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God; the Lord is one!  
You shall in love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your might.
- Prompter & Echoes    And love our neighbor as ourselves.