# LESSON PLAN THE COVENANT OF SINAI (LESSON 8)

## 1. Objective (Learning Outcomes)

#### By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Understand what a covenant is in the Bible.
- Explain the significance of the Covenant of Sinai and the Ten Commandments.
- Recognize the fulfillment of the Old Covenant in Jesus through the New Covenant.
- Apply the New Commandment of Love in their daily lives.

# 2. Starter (5 minutes)

#### **Opening Prayer:**

- Begin with a short prayer asking for wisdom and strength to live according to God's commandments.
- Icebreaker Question: Ask: "What rules do you follow at home or school? Why are rules important?" Connect: Just as rules guide us, God gave His people commandments to guide their lives.

# 3. Presentation of Lesson (20 minutes)

#### a) Understanding Covenants (3 min)

Simple definition: A covenant is a sacred agreement. Biblical meaning: A binding relationship between God and His people.

#### b) The Covenant of Sinai (5 min)

God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19–20).

It was a mutual promise: God blesses His people if they obey Him.

Exodus 19:4-6 (Read aloud).

#### c) Why God Gave the Commandments (2 min)

To help the Israelites live as His chosen people. Like a loving Father, God gave rules for their good.

#### d) Visual Aid - Ten Commandments (5 min)

Show chart/poster with the Ten Commandments.

Explain in simple, relatable examples (e.g., "Honor your father and mother"  $\rightarrow$ ( show love and respect at home).

e) Transition to the New Covenant (5 min)

Ask: "What changed when Jesus came in the New Testament?" Jesus gave the New Covenant at the Last Supper.

Matthew 26:27–28  $\rightarrow$  His blood = New Covenant of love, forgiveness, grace.

f) The New Commandment of Jesus (John 13:34–35) (2 min)

Jesus says: "Love one another as I have loved you."
The New Commandment does not cancel the Old, but fulfills it through love.

## 4. Activity (15 minutes)

Group Activity – Old vs. New Commandments
Group A: Write any of the Ten Commandments on sticky notes and place them on "Old Commandments" poster.

Group B: Write ways to show love (e.g., forgiving, sharing, helping) and place them on "New Commandment" poster.

#### **Discussion:**

Do both Old and New Commandments matter today? Why did Jesus focus on love?

Expected Insight: Love makes obedience meaningful. When we love, we naturally keep God's commandments.

## 5. Habit Formation (5 minutes)

Encourage students to practice the following habits during the week:

- Choose one Commandment and make a conscious effort to live it (e.g., obey parents, speak truth).
- Show one act of love daily (help a classmate, forgive, share something).

### 6. Bible verse

Exodus20:6

# 7. Conclusion & Reflection (5 minutes)

• Summary Points:

Covenant of Sinai: God gave His people the Ten Commandments. Jesus fulfilled the Old Covenant and gave the New Covenant. The New Commandment is love, which makes us true children of God.

• Closing Prayer:

Ask for the grace to live in obedience and love