



# LESSON PLAN

## 9– THE PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

### Objective (Learning Outcomes)

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

- By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:
- Understand the covenant between God and the Israelites as a relationship of faithfulness, obedience, and trust.
- Recognize the seriousness of idolatry and its consequences.
- Appreciate God’s mercy and forgiveness when we repent.
- Apply the Commandments as a guide for Christian living today.

### Starter (5 minutes)

#### **Opening Prayer:**

“O God, who guided Israel by giving the Commandments, help us to lead a life that is faithful and obedient to You.”

#### **Recap from Lesson 8:**

What is a covenant?

Why were the Commandments given?

How did Jesus bring the New Covenant of Love?

#### **Icebreaker Question:**

Ask students: “What happens when rules are broken in school or at home? How do parents/teachers react?”

→ Transition: Just like families have rules, God gave His people Commandments. But when they broke them, something serious happened.

## Presentation of Lesson (20 minutes)

### **A. Story Narration (with visuals or short video)**

1. Moses on Mount Sinai – Moses received the Commandments after 40 days of prayer (Exodus 32).
2. The Golden Calf Incident – People grew impatient, Aaron made a golden calf, and they worshipped it (idolatry).
3. God's Anger and Moses' Intercession – Moses destroyed the idol and prayed for the people.
4. Renewing the Covenant – God forgave them and gave new stone tablets.

### **B. Discussion Questions (to engage students):**

Why did the Israelites make the golden calf?

What was God's reaction?


How did Moses intercede for the people?

### **C. Key Teaching Points:**

Idolatry = putting anything above God (money, power, fame, even habits).

God desires faithfulness, obedience, and commitment.

God is merciful and forgives us when we repent.

 Scripture Highlight: Exodus 34:6 – “The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”

## Activity (15 minutes)

### Group Activity: “Silent Commandments”

- Divide class into small groups.
- Each group silently acts out one Commandment (e.g., honoring parents, not stealing, keeping the Sabbath).
- Other groups guess the commandment.

Reflection: “Which of these commandments is hardest to follow today, and why?”

### Alternative Quick Activity (if short on time):

Write “Modern Idols” (e.g., mobile phone, money, social media, pride) on the board.

Students share one way to keep God first instead of those idols.

## Habit Formation (5 minutes)

- Encourage students to practice these habits during the week:
- Daily Faithfulness: Start each day with a short prayer: “Lord, help me keep You first in my life today.”
- Avoid Idols: Identify one “distraction” (like phone overuse, selfishness, or gossip) and try to reduce it.

## Bible verse

- Exodus 34:9

## Conclusion & Reflection (5 minutes)

- The Covenant made the Israelites God's chosen people.
- Faithfulness and obedience keep us close to God.
- Idolatry leads us away, but forgiveness is always available when we repent.
- The Commandments are not just ancient rules but a living guide for peace with God and others.

Closing Prayer:

"Dear Lord, thank You for Your Commandments. Help us to love You above everything, avoid idols in our lives, and live in obedience and faithfulness. Amen."