

Chapter 7 The Law

For this command, which I enjoin on you today, is not too mysterious and remote to you. It is already in your hearts.

Deuteronomy 30:11,14

To the Parent:

In chapter 7 your child learned to:

- Recount the key events in the story of God's People during the period of the wandering in the wilderness
- Explain the terms and conditions of the Sinai covenant
- Relate the covenant to his or her relationship with God and others

The covenant relationship that God establishes with the Chosen People in the desert is shown by the way the people live, according to God's commandments. Therefore, the pre-eminent sign of the covenant that God makes with the Chosen People at Mount Sinai is the giving of the Law. The Law gives shape to the common life, in their relationship with God and their relationship with one another. The Law is considered a gift, a joy, and a mark of favor from God. The Ten Commandments continue to be a touchstone for Christian morality.

With Your Child:

1. Have a family discussion about rules, privileges, and responsibilities. Talk about the rules you and other family members feel have been made and followed out of love.
2. Talk to your child about how you walk with God in your daily life.
3. With your family, write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for bringing you safely through a difficult family time.
4. Read the story of Miriam on the Review and Explore page.