

**MOSES' SHINING FACE**

Old Testament Lesson #42

In Exodus 33, Moses talked with the LORD. He prayed, "... show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight" (Exodus 33:13). The LORD was pleased with his request and granted it.

Then Moses asked to be shown God's glory. The LORD said he would hide Moses "in a cleft of the rock," cover Moses with his hand while God passed by and allow Moses to see God's back (because no one could see God's face and live).

In Exodus 34, the LORD told Moses to cut two tablets of stone like the ones Moses had broken earlier (Exodus 32:19) and present himself to God in the morning on Mount Sinai.

When Moses reached the top, the LORD descended in a cloud. Moses worshiped God and prayed for the people of Israel. God accepted Moses' intercession. God wrote again the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28). Moses had been with God on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights.

When Moses came down from the mountain, his face was shining with the glory of God. But he didn't know this, and the people stood far-off, afraid. He called to them and told them all that the LORD had told him. When he finished, he put a veil over his face, but when he went into the tent of meeting to speak with the LORD (Exodus 33:7-11), he removed it. When he came out and reported what God had said, they saw his face shining. Then he covered it again until he next spoke with God.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

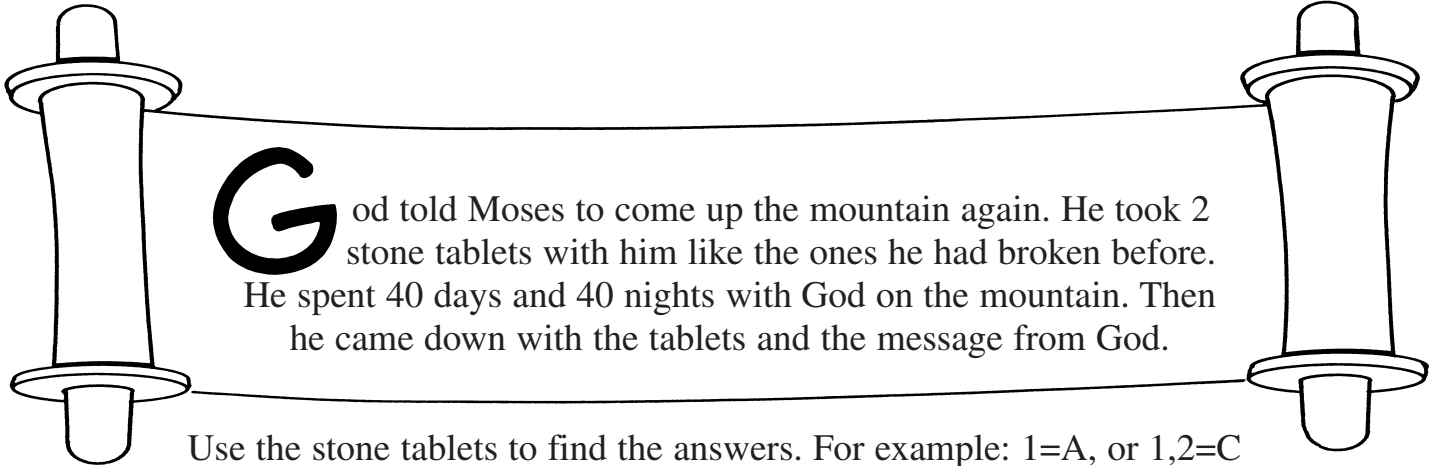
- The tent of meeting was a special tent that Moses pitched away from the main camp as a place to meet God. (Exodus 33:7)
- Perhaps Moses covered his face because the glowing appearance startled the people.
- Ecclesiastes 8:1 says, "Wisdom makes one's face shine...." Compare with 2 Corinthians 4:6 and the Transfiguration of Jesus in Luke 9:29 and Matthew 17:2.

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- I. Moses talked with the LORD.
  - A. Moses prayed that God would show him how to "find favor in your sight."
  - B. Moses also asked to see God's glory.
- II. God was pleased with Moses.
  - A. He told Moses to cut two tablets of stone and present himself to God.
  - B. When Moses reached the mountaintop, he worshiped God and prayed for the people.
  - C. God appeared in a cloud and wrote the Ten Commandments again.
- III. Moses descended the mountain.
  - A. His face was shining with God's glory, but the people were afraid.
  - B. He explained everything God had said.
  - C. Then he covered his face with a veil.
  - D. Moses removed the veil when he spoke to God again.
  - E. The face of Moses shone again after he spoke with God.

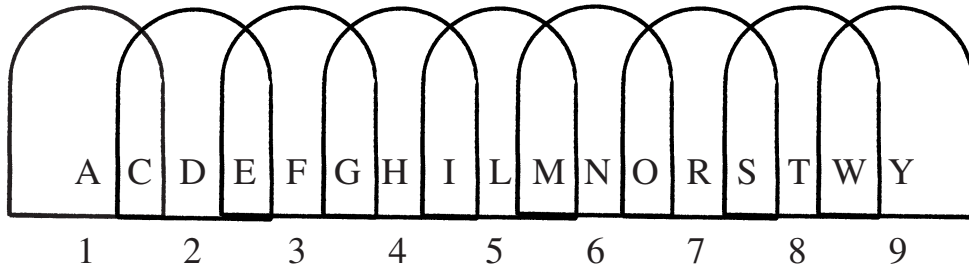
**ANSWER KEY:**

His face was shining with the glory of God. afraid, called, come, him, came, told, all, Lord, told



**G**od told Moses to come up the mountain again. He took 2 stone tablets with him like the ones he had broken before. He spent 40 days and 40 nights with God on the mountain. Then he came down with the tablets and the message from God.

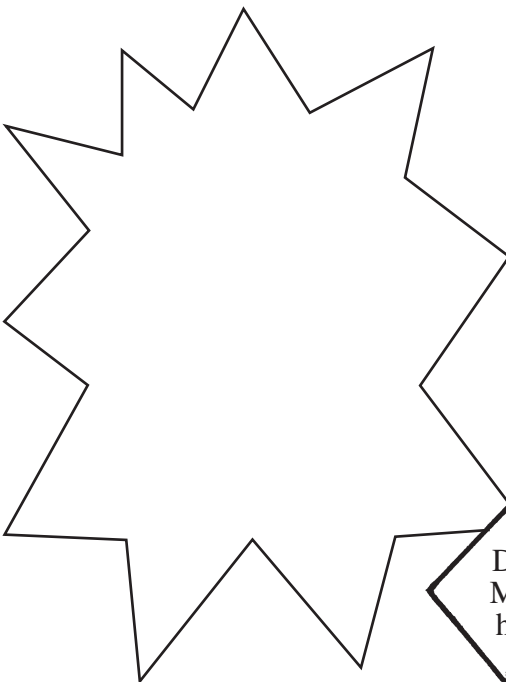
Use the stone tablets to find the answers. For example: 1=A, or 1,2=C



There was something different about Moses!

4 4,5 7,8    3 1 1,2 2,3    8,9 1 7,8    7,8 4 4,5 6 4,5 6 3,4    8,9 4,5 8 4

8 4 2,3    3,4 5 6,7 7 9    6,7 3    3,4 6,7 2



Draw  
Moses  
here.

How did the people feel?

They were 1 3 7 1 4,5 2!

What did Moses do?

He 1,2 1 5 5 2,3 2 them to 1,2 6,7 5,6 2,3 to 4 4,5 5,6.

Then what happened?

They 1,2 1 5,6 2,3. He 8 6,7 5 2 them 1 5 5 the

5 6,7 7 2 had 8 6,7 5 2 him on Mount Sinai.

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**A**fter Moses gave the people God's commandments, he put a veil over his face. He took it off when he went to talk to God again.

Connect the dots to find out where Moses went.  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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