



**October 7, 2018**

**Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17**

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Lord, your law is the sign of your everlasting love. Keep us faithful to your word that our lives might testify to your grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.



*You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.*

*Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Exodus 19:4-6a)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Moses has successfully and safely led the Israelites out of slavery into the wilderness. How would they live in their newly gained freedom? Never fear, God is about to lay down the law. And that's not a bad thing.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What gods are served in your community other than God (celebrities, money, progress, etc.)? Which gods fail to live up to their promises?

Which commandments do you find hardest to follow? What gets in your way of following God's laws?

For the littles: What is the hardest rule to follow? What is the easiest? God gives us rules so we can be safe and happy.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with healthy rules. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of rules to be followed by yourself and others in your household that will help your household run smoothly. Post them where they can be seen. Reward yourself when you follow them.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Moses Dies*

Tuesday, Joshua 1:1-9, *God's Commission to Joshua*

Wednesday, Joshua 2:1-21, *Spies Sent to Jericho*

Thursday, Joshua 3:1-17, *Israel Crosses the Jordan*

Friday, Joshua 6:1-14, *Jericho Taken and Destroyed*

Saturday, Joshua 6:15-27, *Jericho Destroyed and Rahab Spared*

**Next Week, Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26], *Joshua Serves God***