

**CCD GRADE 4: JESUS OUR GUIDE**

Chapter 10: Great Things Happen on the Way to the Promised Land

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 116-123 for personal background

Materials: wrapped candies, Styrofoam cups, cotton balls

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

God cared for the Israelites through all their troubles, even though they did not trust Him enough.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* God gave the Israelites manna from Heaven to eat on their way to the Promised Land.
* (teacher scatters candies and cotton balls around the room or outside) Students collect all the candies and cotton balls in their Styrofoam cups.
* Read page 48 “Bread from Heaven” and discuss event. Discuss Israelites’ ingratitude.
* Compare manna to Eucharist with Powerpoint slide.
* God made covenant with Israel on Mt. Sinai and gave them the Ten Commandments.
* Have students try to brainstorm the 10 Commandments without reading anything.
* Review Commandments with the Powerpoint slide.
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgynB22xIn0> 2:22 “God Gives Moses the 10 Commandments – Animated”
* God instructed the people to make the Ark of the Covenant to hold the Ten Commandments and serve as a sign of God’s presence.
* Read p. 49-50 “The Covenant Is Renewed” and “The Ark of the Covenant”
* Discuss appearance of the Ark of the Covenant and similarities to Mary
* Look at Powerpoint pictures and compare Levite priests with Catholic priests.
* The Israelites’ greatest failing was that they did not trust God enough. After forty years of wandering in the desert, they were ready to enter the Promised Land.
* Discuss why the Israelites had to wander so long. Discuss times when we trust God or don’t trust God and how we can increase our trust.
* Look at Powerpoint map of Promised Land. Compare Moses and Jesus.

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* When do we trust God or don’t trust God? How can we build our trust?
* Tour the sacristy with Father to see the vessels and vestments.
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgynB22xIn0> 2:22 “God Gives Moses the 10 Commandments”

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Go to the tabernacle in church and point out similarities with Ark of the Covenant.
* In front of the tabernacle, remind students that the Israelites forgot about all of God’s gifts to them and complained very much. Make a litany of thanksgiving together to God as everyone says at least one thing they are thankful for.