



GOD IS GOOD

Exodus 33:12-34:7

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people', but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favour in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD'. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

34 The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Talking about the passage:

A very simple introduction to our passage is...

"A long time before Jesus was born

God had given a man called Moses a special job to do, Moses had to help God look after God's people.

One-time God's people stopped trusting God.

This made God angry. Moses talked to God a lot about it, he still wanted God to go with Moses and God's people.

God said he would still go with Moses and His people. Moses was really pleased. But he was still a bit worried was God so good that he would still go with His people even though they had treated him so badly? So, Moses asked God to see God so he could be sure God would go with him and His people."

For All Ages

The highlighted parts of the passage are the ones to focus especially for younger groups.

For any age group

You could make the retelling of this story visual by using small figure-lego/playmobile or something similar as Moses. A torch to represent Gods glory/goodness and your hand to show how God covered Moses so that he couldn't see God's glory so that he would live.

God told Moses what he was like.

"The Lord, the Lord a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

For Pebbles

A very simplified phrase to focus on would be God is Good all the time, and maybe go on to say God has shown us how good he is by sending Jesus.

For Rocks and Boulders

You could try and learn Exodus 34:6 as a family after you've heard the sermon.

Here are some explanations of the long words..

Merciful-Not treating us the way we deserve to be treated because of our sin.

Gracious-Being kind and loving to us when we don't deserve it.

Abounding-Way more than you can imagine.

Something to pray

God, we are really glad that you are good.

Thank you for showing us how good you are by sending Jesus.

Sorry when we grumble about you because we forget that you are good.

Please help us to remember that whatever is happening to us you are good. Amen

A Song to sing

<https://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/songs-and-hymns/hymns/my-god-is-a-good-god/>



Good

is

good

A mobile to make.

1. Cut around "God is good", and "all the time"
2. Join them together to form a circle.
3. As a family Draw pictures of times when you remember thinking God is good, or times when you worried that God wasn't good.
4. Attach the circles by long threads so that they hang from the circle.
5. Use it as a way of thanking God that he is always good even when we're not sure he is.

You'll end up with something a little bit like this



Good is good

all the time

