

Outline & Guide to Sunday Software's The Ten Commandments

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The interactive content of this program is embedded across three **360 degree navigable "photobubbles" shot on location on Mt. Sinai**. ("Bottom," "On the Way," and "At the Top.") The photobubbles are navigated by holding down your mouse button as you move the mouse hand around on the photobubble. Move the mouse pointer towards and away from the center of the photobubble while turning it to slow down or speed up the rate of turn. Let up on the mouse button to stop turning. At your "feet" in each photobubble is a clickable MENU of what can be found in each photobubble. "Learning Hotspots" appear as "open doors" when you move your mouse pointer around the photobubble screens. This guide will tell you where all of them are

See the Adjusting Display Sizes PDF that came with the download to make the Ten C's program fill more of your computer's screen.

The Bottom Photobubble

When the program first starts, you are taken to Moses' office for a short presentation about how the Israelites got to Mt Sinai and received the Ten Commandments. Then you are taken to the foot of Mt. Sinai and the first photobubble to begin your "climb" up the mountain.

Here's what there is to do in the first photobubble:

1. Click the Camel

Click the camel to be asked if you want to go back and see Moses in his office again.

2. Click the Two Monastery Hotspots:

Hotspot 1- (on the left side of the Monastery) Hotspot 1 takes you into the Monastery. Enter the Monastery to read the Ten Commandments and study notes and see the videos.

Once inside the Monastery Click the stained-glass texts to see view **FOUR VIDEOS** of youth talking about Ten Commandments. The Videos are *Broken*, *11th*, *Honor*, and *Why Follow?*

Questions are presented after each video for your student's further discussion. They include: *What Commandment do people around you break? How do you honor your parents? "Why follow the commandments?"*



Note: Even though the Ark is slid down when a video is played, you can still click on its lid after the video to pop-up the tablets for reference in-between videos. Just click the Tablets to lower them again. The **Start Again** sign on the Alms box resets the Monastery furniture to its original position. Here's a little secret for you: Click on the alms signs!

***Rolling over a Commandment on the Tablets in the Monastery** activates the sound file that reads the commandment. A study note also appears on the face of the ark. These can contain questions.

Hotspot 2- on the right side of the Monastery: Learn more about the Monastery by viewing a brief graphic with text about the origins of the Monastery.

3. Click the "Bridge over Chaos Canyon" Hotspot:

(located down in the greenery just to the right of the mule's rear-end.)

The Bridge "planks" are a series of presentations about the Concept of Law and its relationship to Salvation. Crossing the Bridge also leads to the next photobubble up the mountain. **The Bridge and the Shipwreck are metaphors.**

You **must** **CLICK** the signs for the Promised Land, Chaos Canyon, and the Shipwreck before proceeding over the bridge. Moses will narrate about the Chaos and Promised Land signs.

- The "Promised Land" sign: Moses asks "what's your definition of a 'promised land?'"
- The "Chaos Canyon" sign: Moses talks about God bringing order out of chaos.
- The "S.S. My Way" shipwreck has a set of "Anti-Commandments" suitable for discussion by older students. **CLICK ON THEM** and you'll hear some fun sound effects. "Anti-commandments" are the world's rules for living that people are tempted to follow. Students are invited to think about other "anti-commandments." See *SS My Way commandments graphic below*.



The Leap of Faith Plank takes you to a dark screen where text begins to move and tell you something important: Jesus saves us, without him we can't make the journey on our own. This is an immensely important topic for discussion. See more notes about it below.

There is no bypass around the bridge to get up the mountain. The software will not let you go across the bridge until you've clicked on both signs and the shipwreck. If you don't want to read or listen to these, continue clicking on other things. You can select the "close" button on all pop-up panels while crossing the bridge to move faster.

Once over the Bridge you must **CLICK ON THE CROSS to advance to the next photobubble**. If you decide you want to go back you must click on The LADY in the next "Second" or "halfway up" photobubble.

4. Stone Hotspot: (located on the stone on the ground just to the left of the camel) "Let the one without sin cast the first stone." Who spoke these words and why did the software's authors put it in program about the Ten Commandments? Here's why: because Jesus protected the woman caught in adultery. The Law is meant to teach us, not punish us.

5. The Sun Hotspot: When you look up and click the sun in the bottom photobubble, a video in the clouds titled **'Four Ways to Keep the Sabbath Holy.'** Includes a question asking students to consider other ways to observe the concept of Sabbath

Bottom Bubble Notes:

It is recommended that you make the monastery their first visit. To move on to the second photobubble in the software you must cross the Bridge Over Chaos Canyon and reach the Cross.

The Leap of Faith "Plank" in the Bridge Over Chaos Canyon quotes Paul in Romans telling us that "all fall short of the glory of God." You'll want to talk with your students specifically about the ideas presented on the screen at that plank. The Leap of Faith Plank begs the question: Why follow the Law and does the Law save us?

Whose faith saves us? Our own? Or Jesus' faith? Traditional interpretation has it that we must have faith to be 'saved.' However, the scriptures themselves, even within Paul's own letter to the Romans, are sufficiently broad enough to create a wonderful discussion on the subject. It was Jesus' faithfulness that 'saved' us through the forgiveness of sins given to us on the cross. Yet is it our 'leap of faith' into the arms of God that makes this saving event a living reality for us. In this we can see the two important sides of faith: Christ's saving faith and our faithful response. Faith in God enables us to accept the wisdom of obeying the Ten Commandments. In attempting to follow God's Law (as we should), we are humbled into an awareness of our need for God's Grace.

Extra Questions for Discussion:

- What are the benefits and risks of following the Ten Commandments?
- How does our attempt to follow God's Law benefit God and God's plan for the world? What are some practical things you can do to better follow God's commandments? What other visual metaphors could have been used for The Law, other than a bridge?
- What chaos/sin is at work in your life keeping you from following the commandments all the time?

The Second - "On the Way" Photobubble

1. Sun Hotspot: "The Eighth Commandments: Other Ways to Steal," includes a question for discussion.

2. Idol Activity Hotspot: (located just to the right of the lady beyond the path)

Two "Billboards" that present discussion text/graphics about the concept of "Idols." In one billboard we depart from the strict definition of "idol" and encourage thoughts about "those we worship like they were gods." This concept and area are better suited for older students, though a few younger ones will enjoy the music and pictures.

Rollover/click on the letters in the graphic to see comments pop into the window below the Billboard.

3. Ten Commandments Assembly Game Hotspot.

(Located just to the right of the lady down where the stones line the path)

Clicking the tablets makes the words drop. The words will "snap" into place when you drag, then release your mouse button. If they don't snap into place drag them a little bit left/right/up/down. This is not a timed event. Younger children may need help. Have your students look up the scripture references on the stone next to the critter if your students need help.

4. Cliff Climb Quiz Game Hotspot:

(Located on face of cliff.) **You must go through this area to get to the top photobubble.** This is a short quiz, only 12 questions that keep recycling until BOTH players make it to the top. Click "BYPASS" to skip the quiz and go to the Summit.



5. Man Drinking Water Hotspot: Comment about "Living Water."

6. Lady looking at Sun Hotspot: She asks you if you'd like to go back to the bottom of the trail-thebottom photobubble. This is the "way back" to the bottom if you need it.

7. Man with red backpack Hotspot: Mt. Sinai Info.

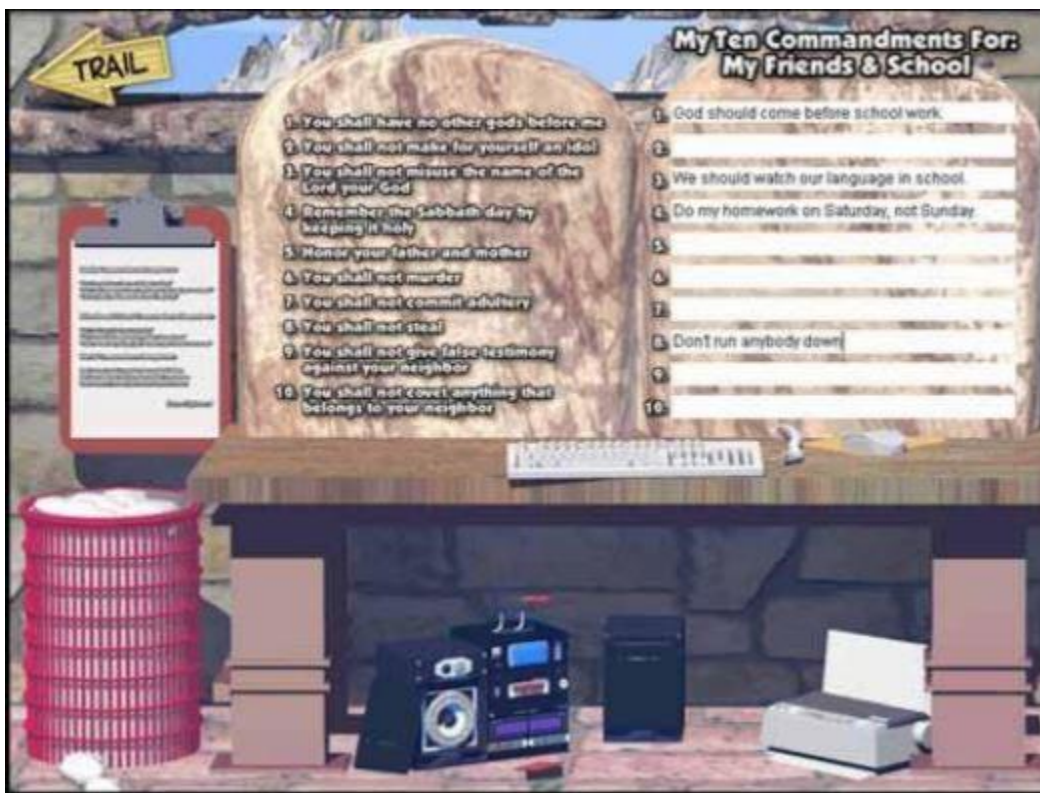
8. Hotspot looking up at the end of the trail. (where the trail goes off up into the horizon) a flash presentation of the Great Commandment text. (Students were also encouraged to read this while crossing the Bridge over Chaos Canyon.)

Note: It is highly recommended that students take the Cliff Climb Quiz only after viewing all hotspots in the first two photobubbles – many of which will help them answer the 12 quiz questions. Once completed, the Cliff Climb Quiz will transport students to the top of Sinai. There is a hotspot back to the second photobubble in the top photobubble

The Top “Summit” Photobubble

Here are the hotspots you can click on after you’ve enjoyed the view:

1. Chapel at the Top Activity Hotspot (Located on the wall of the Chapel.) Rewrite the Ten Commandments. Click on the clipboard for instructions. **Click the MOUSE** on the table to open the tablets and start rewriting/rephrasing. What would commandments for my friends sound like? My family? **Think figuratively, not literally.** What should we not “steal” from each other as friends? What should families “guard” or “make safe” for each family member?



Moses' instructions read: *"It is important to God that the commandments make sense to all people in all times. I invite you to thoughtfully rephrase the commandments in a way that makes them fresh and powerful for you. Afterwards, you can print them and discuss them with others. You are also welcome to use my Summit computer for other reflections on each commandment."*

You can print a complete/incomplete or blank set to be filled in later. Just click the printer icon. Various music selections can be played by clicking on the radio. ***Rather than stating things in the negative*** "You shall not murder," have students rewrite the commandments in a positive way, such as, "You shall protect other people's lives." *The Chapel's Ten Commandments rewriting activity can be done off the computer. Simply click on the Printer in the Chapel screen to print out a blank version of it. Whatever is typed in on the tablets will appear on the printed tablets.

Warning: Clicking the trashcan will erase all typed entries.

2. People Hiding in The Cleft Hotspot --Music Video: "I Am Yahweh."

(Located *between* the two guys looking down on the folks in the sleeping bags)

See "I Am Yahweh" notes at the end of this document. This video cannot be stopped once started (it's about 2 minutes and has a 3-D recreation of Sinai). Take a close look at the words placed in the sand. For extended discussion...have students write them down. You might also ask: *"I wonder why there's a cross in the journey after you are swept off Mt. Sinai?"*

The words to "I Am Yahweh," additional study questions, and the Bible verses about Moses' encounter with God on the Summit can be found below in this document. *It is recommended that you save the Music Video for last. If you have time, read the text of Moses' close encounter with God on Mt. Sinai (provided at the end of this outline). That's why there are people in sleeping bags at the "cleft" seen at the Summit photobubble between the two dudes.

3. Hotspots on both GUYS sitting at top. Two fun sound files.

4. 'More to Do' Hotspot at top of sky: List of things you could do after you've explored the software.

5. Return to Previous Photobubble Hotspot

(located on the strange looking building down and to the left of the guy with the sunglasses).

6. Guestbook Hotspot: (Located on the guy *sitting down* from the summit *behind* the Chapel.) Add your reflections and read those of others. Categories they can write about include: favorite part of program, a question they'd like to ask God, and how they can better follow the commandments.

Select the green arrows on the Guestbook to view other's entries. Entries can be deleted by opening the Ten Commandments directory on your hard drive and editing the guestbook text file located there. *The Guestbook creates a text file labeled *guestbook* on your hard drive in the Windows/TEMP folder. It can be edited using Notepad.



I Am Yahweh Video and Song and Study Questions

This song uses the Hebrew word for God's name -'Yahweh'. It is often translated as I Am, I Was, I Will Be. Some translations shorten it to "I AM", others to "The Eternal One", and it is the name which God revealed to Moses at the burning bush. It is sometimes spelled "Jehovah." The lyrics of the song play on the similarity between "Yahweh" and "Way" --which is sort of the point!

Lyrics to I Am Yahweh

I am Yahweh, I am, I was, I always will be I am Yahweh
Come follow me and you will see, Life as it was meant to be
Hear my words and them obey, Start your life, start living it my way....
(Interlude of children's voices summarizing the commandments)
And when you're travelin' through dangerous lands, Remember this, I hold you in my hands....
I am Yahweh

Questions for discussion:

1. According to Yahweh, what is life meant to be?
2. What were some of the words seen in the landscape as you flew over? (Compassion, honor, obey, love, and more) and why were they there? What are they trying to tell you? (they are Yahweh's "way")
3. What were some of the youth voices saying during the video?
(Bring honor to your family, Don't let possessions possess you, Love your Creator) They neatly summarize the Commandments. You might want your students to write them down.
4. Why was the cross put in this video? (Without the cross, Law merely condemns. Jesus' death fulfills the requirement of the law...he paid the price and sets us free to OBEY God without fear.)
5. What are some of the "dangerous lands" young people must travel through to follow God.
6. In what ways does God "hold us in his hands", as the music said?

In the song's interlude youth voices rephrase key ideas in commandments. They include: *Bring honor to your family, Don't let possessions possess you, Love your Creator.* They neatly summarize the Commandments. You might want your students to write them down or discuss that these statements are a modern version of the commandments.

Additional Information

Where is Mt. Sinai?

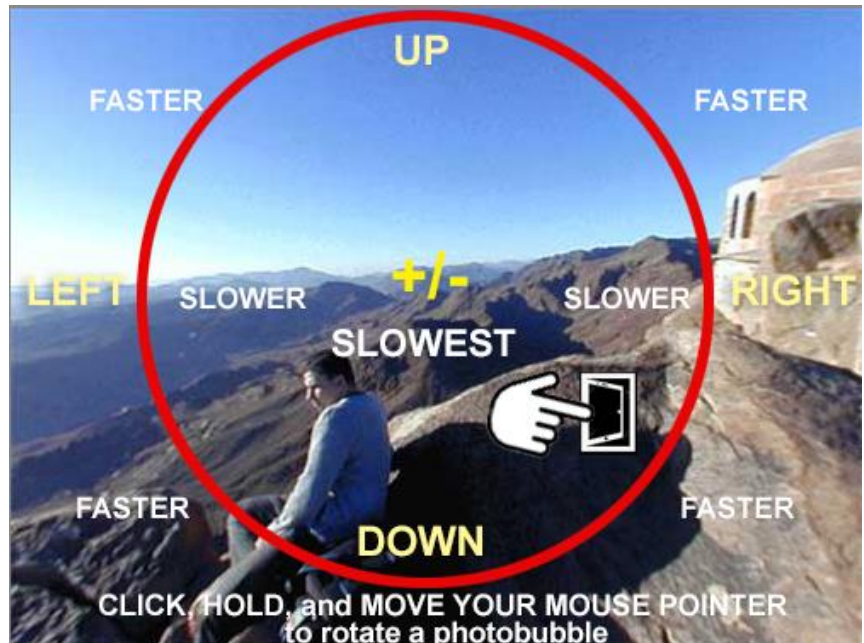
In truth, nobody really knows for sure. The photobubbles in this program were taken from the traditional site of Mt. Sinai in the southern Sinai peninsula. However, some reputable scholars present an intriguing case for placing Mt. Sinai in the Arabian Peninsula closer to the traditional lands of Midian (Moses' father-in-law's land). Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, had St. Catherine's monastery located and built in the fourth century A.D. based on tradition.

Photobubble Tips:

Photobubbles take a bit of navigational practice. Place your hand cursor near the center of the screen and hold down your mouse button and gently slide the mouse hand away from the center of the photobubble. Then move in the direction the hand is pointing. Faster computers will have quicker and smoother response time.

Placing the mouse pointer at the edge of the screen and holding the mouse button will cause the photobubble to move too fast. To move about: Click and hold as your move around in the photobubble. Practice controlling speed and direction.

The closer your hand icon is to the outside of the photobubble, the faster the photobubble will spin.



DOUBLE-CLICK all hotspots to activate them.

If you click your mouse dead-center on the screen in any photobubble, you might enlarge the photobubble (notice the + sign that appears). To zoom out, look for the - sign.

To stop most videos in the program from running and move ahead, just click the video. You cannot stop Yahweh's video (activated by clicking the guys in sleeping bags on the Summit photobubble). Yahweh rules!

If you're lost, click me.
I'm right at your feet.

