

**1. God's promises to Abraham**

- a) Genesis 12:1-3
- b) Genesis 22:1-3, 8, 9-18 (see Luke 1:26-33, Matthew 1:18-23)

**2. God's blessings for the children of Abraham**

- a) Exodus 1:7-13
- b) Exodus 3:7
- c) Exodus 3:16-17
- d) Exodus 3:21
- e) Exodus 12:31-36
- f) Exodus 14:21-22, 30-31
- g) What other blessings did God bestow on the descendants of Abraham after their deliverance from Egypt?

**3. The giving of the Ten Commandments**

- a) Exodus 30:17, 31:1, 31:12, 31:18
- b) Exodus 34:1
- c) Exodus 20:1-17
- d) How did Jesus summarize the Ten Commandments? Matthew 22:35-39
- e) How do these two principles shape a blueprint for a better world?

**4. Other guidelines for a better world**

- a) Exodus 34:27

i) Exodus 23:9

ii) Exodus 22:22-23

iii) Exodus 23:8

b) Which of these guidelines impresses you the most?

c) How does the principle shared by Jesus in Matthew 7:12 reinforce and go beyond the guidelines given through the prophet Moses?

**5. Tithes and offerings**

a) Deuteronomy 14:22, 27 (see also Malachi 3:8-10) How did the principle of tithes and offerings reinforce the importance of sharing with others in need?

b) When did you come to the realization that tithes and offerings should not be viewed as a religious obligation but rather a privilege to share our resources with those in need?

**6. The Year of Jubilee**

a) In the blueprint for a better world, given by God to the prophet Moses, what was the significance of the Year of Jubilee? Leviticus 25:8-17

b) What are your thoughts about this radical strategy for promoting social equality?

c) How does this teaching about the Year of Jubilee reflect the character of our loving Creator?

