



Sangay volcano

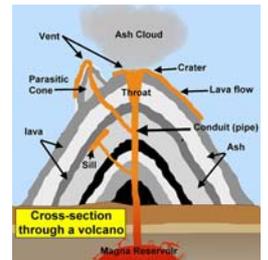
Mountain of fire

"We can see Sangay from our house. It's one of Ecuador's six active volcanoes and been active the longest of any volcano in the world," wrote Vume. "It just bubbles lava and smoke now. It's last big eruption was 65 years ago."

A volcano is a hole in the earth that molten (liquid) rock and gas spew out of. This is called an eruption and happens when the "plates" that make up the earth's crust move. The molten rock is called lava and its temperature can be up to 1,200° C (2,200° F).

Volcanos have killed many thousands of people. They can be immensely powerful and very frightening. Lava can cover the country side and towns; the ash, poisonous gases, land slides and changes to the weather they cause can also be a danger.

In 1999 a volcano close to Quito, the capital of Ecuador, erupted showering the city and peoples homes with ash that closed the airport and caused breathing problems for many.



Listen to God! Exodus 20:18-21



God had just given Moses the Ten Commandments. Now he showed the people his power in thunder, lightning and a smoking mountain. Perhaps it was a volcano. The people were terrified but it wasn't God's intention to frighten them. He was just showing them a glimpse of his holiness and power. He wanted them to realise the seriousness of his commands.



Write down some other words that mean "powerful", then if you can, write down or draw a Bible story that shows God's power.

Talk to God!

Lord God you have great power. Thank you that your power is not to make us afraid of you. Your power is to help us and give us power too.