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Land of Milk and Honey Movie  
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This video contains some poetic license. Stop here and teach how the people were punished.

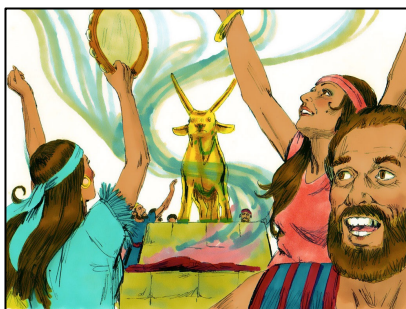


### Lesson #9: GOLDEN CALF & MOSES MAKES 2<sup>ND</sup> SET OF TABLETS (Exodus 32-34:35)



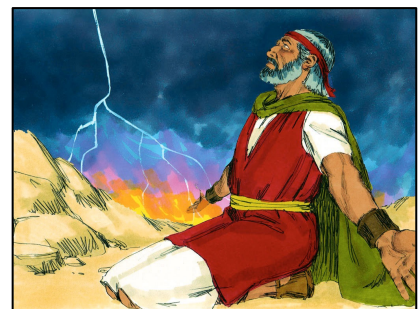
The Bible says that Moses was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days. The people below wondered if he would ever come back. They said to Aaron, “We don’t know what has happened to Moses. We will make our own idol god.” They wanted to do things their own way – not God’s way.

Aaron told the people to bring him their gold jewelry they had gotten from the Egyptians. The gold would be used to make an idol. It was melted down and shaped into a golden calf.



The people said, “This idol is our god!” They sacrificed burnt offerings to the idol. They ate, drank and started a wild, noisy party worshipping the golden calf.

Moses was still high up on Mount Sinai. God told Moses that the people down below were sinning. Because of their disobedience God planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded with God not to destroy the people. He had rescued them from Egypt! So, God said, “I will make them a great nation if they obey Me.”





Moses picked up the 10 Commandments stones that God had carved. Moses started walking down the mountain. Halfway down Moses met Joshua who had been waiting for him. "It sounds like there is a war in the camp," said Joshua. Moses said, "It is not the sound of war. It is the sound of singing."

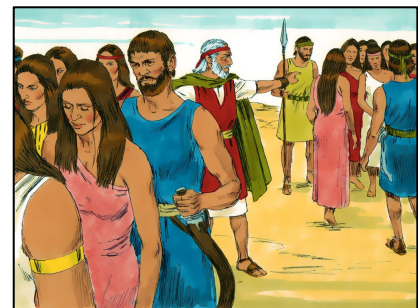
When Moses saw the people singing, dancing and worshipping the golden calf he was angry. He threw the two stone tablets to the ground, breaking them into pieces!



Moses broke the golden calf and ground it into powder. As punishment for worshipping it, Moses sprinkled the powder in the water and made the Israelites drink it.



Moses stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever loves God, come to me." Many of the people were very sorry that they had disobeyed God. After this, those who had worshipped the golden calf were punished by God.

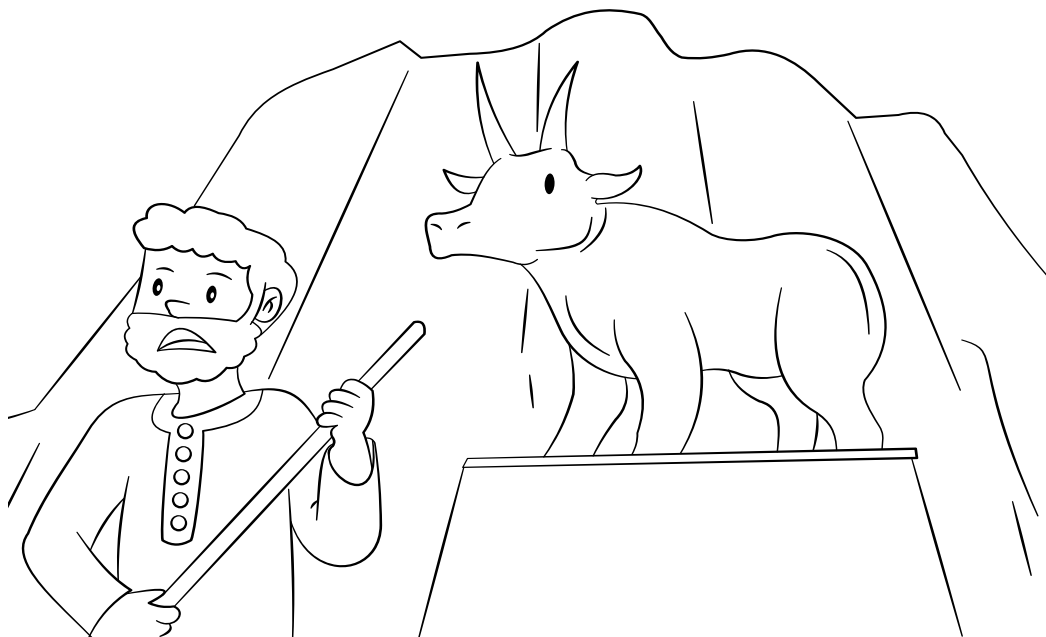


God told Moses to cut 2 new tablets of stone. Then he called Moses back up onto the mountain. God wrote the 10 Commandments on the new tablets. This time when Moses came down from the mountain something was different. Because Moses had been in the presence of God, **his face glowed**. In fact, every time he spent time in God's presence after this, **his face glowed** again. At these times he had to wear a veil over his face.

The Israelites needed to learn to obey God, instead of doing things their own way. God is special and we should never worship any idol. We want to honor God in His special way!



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

Find and circle the 13 underlined words from our lesson.



The people brought their gold earrings to Aaron. He made the gold into an idol cast in the shape of a calf. The people bowed down to it, sacrificed offerings and had a festival. The Lord God was angry and decided to destroy the people.



Read Exodus 32:9 in your Bible.



How does God describe the Israelites after they have worshiped the golden calf?

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What do you think this means? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it possible that **we** can be like that? \_\_\_\_\_ What can we do so we won't be "stiff necked?"

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