

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Aaron make a golden calf?
- Moses talked to God for the Israelites. Who talks to God for us?
- An idol is anything a person puts in the place of God. What things or people might be idols in your life?

## The Golden Calf

Exodus 32: 34

**STORY POINT: GOD DISCIPLINED HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIPPING A GOLDEN CALF.**

Moses was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. Meanwhile, the Israelites at the bottom of the mountain were getting impatient. The Israelites went to Moses' brother, Aaron.

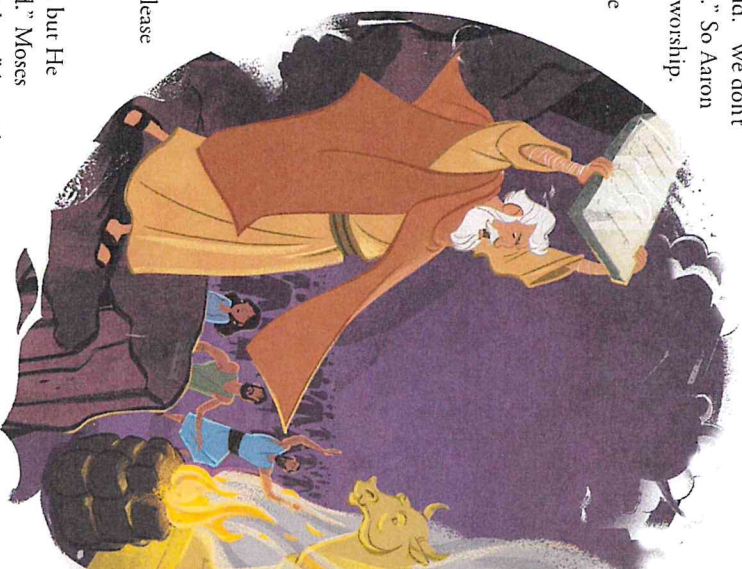
"Make us a god to lead us," they said. "We don't know what has happened to Moses." So Aaron made a golden calf that they could worship.

God was angry because of their sin. God told Moses to go down the mountain. "I will destroy these people," God said. Moses said,

"Remember the great promise You made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So God decided not to destroy the people.

Moses went down the mountain. He saw that the people were dancing before the golden calf! He threw down the stone tablets. Then he destroyed the calf they made. The next day, Moses went back up the mountain to talk to God. "These people have sinned against You," Moses said. "Please forgive their sin."

The Lord said, "The Lord is a compassionate and gracious God ... but He will not leave the guilty unpunished." Moses worshiped God. "Lord, please go with us," he said. "Forgive our sin, and accept us as Your people."



*Christ Connection: God's people sinned against God, and Moses asked God to forgive them. Moses acted as their mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.*