



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

January 5, 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of “**The Golden Calf**” (Exodus 32; 34).

While Moses was on Mount Sinai, the Israelites grew impatient and worshiped a golden calf. God was angry at their disobedience, but Moses pleaded for mercy on their behalf. God showed compassion and instructed Moses to create new tablets with His commandments. This story reminds us of God's justice and mercy, and how Jesus intercedes for us, offering salvation through His life, death, and resurrection.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- God’s Mercy and Forgiveness:** Talk about how God forgave the Israelites and how He forgives us through Jesus.
- The Dangers of Idolatry:** Discuss why worshiping anything other than God leads to sin and separation from Him.
- Jesus as Our Intercessor:** Explain how Jesus stands between us and God's wrath, offering us forgiveness and salvation.

You might consider praying with your child, thanking God for His compassion and for Jesus’ intercession for our sins.

Grace and blessings in Christ.





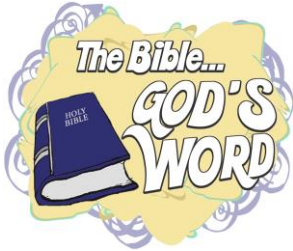
The Golden Calf

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 32; 34

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 2:2

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Why do we need to be saved?*

People are sinful and cannot save themselves.



Before Moses received the two stone tablets, he was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights talking with God. When the people saw Moses did not come back quickly, they came to Aaron and said, “Come and make gods for us who will go before us. Moses has left us, and we don’t know what has happened to him!”

Aaron asked them to take off all their gold jewelry and bring it to him. He made the gold jewelry into the image of a calf. The people said, “These are our gods who brought us up from the land of Egypt!” They had a big party and made sacrifices to the golden calf.

The Lord knew what the people were doing. He said to Moses: “Go down the mountain at once! The people have sinned. They have disobeyed Me and made a golden calf to worship. My anger burns against them!” But Moses said, “Please turn from Your anger and do not destroy the people! Remember the promise You made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that their children would be as many as the stars in the sky!” The Lord heard Moses and agreed not to destroy the Israelites.

Then Moses went down the mountain with the two stone tablets in his hands. He was angry when he saw the people worshipping the golden calf. He smashed the tablets on the ground and destroyed the calf they





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had made. He said, “You have sinned against the Lord. I will go up to Him and ask Him to forgive you.”

Moses returned to the Lord and said, “The people have sinned by making a god of gold for themselves. Please forgive their sin. But if You will not, please punish me with them.” God told Moses that whoever has sinned against Him will be held accountable for their sin. Then God told Moses to lead the people to the place He told him about.

God instructed Moses to make two new stone tablets, just like the ones that had broken. God said, “The Lord is compassionate and gracious. He is slow to anger and abounding in love and truth.” Moses worshiped God. Then he said to God, “Please go with us, forgive our sin, and make us Your people.” Moses then returned to the people with the two tablets in his hands.

The people chose to worship a golden calf instead of God, and God’s anger burned against them. Moses interceded so that God would forgive them. We are all sinners who deserve the wrath of God, but Jesus interceded for us through His life, death, and resurrection so we can be saved!

Key Passage

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**There is none holy like the LORD:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.**

« 1 Samuel 2:2 »



REMINDER

[**Important Notice**]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"The People Grumbled"
(Numbers 11-12)

