

JUNE 29
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
THE GOLDEN CALF
(EXODUS 23; 34)

CHRIST CONNECTION: The people chose to sin when they worshiped the golden calf. Moses asked God to forgive their sin. When we choose to sin we can pray and ask Jesus to forgive us. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to rescue us from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need to be saved? We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: There is no one like the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2

STORY POINT: God gave His people rules because He loved them.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

SAY I'm so glad you are with us today! I am thinking about going on a trip, and I am trying to figure out what to take with me. I want to make sure I am prepared for my trip. What items do you think I should bring on my trip? (Allow time for responses.)

Thank you for helping me plan for my trip! In our Bible story, Moses was gone on a trip for a long time—longer than anyone expected. While he was gone, the people made a wrong decision. God was not happy with the people. They broke one of His rules. Let's learn more together.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made God happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. What did Moses do when he was up on the mountain for so long? *(He talked to God.)*
4. How did the people disobey God? *(They worshiped a golden calf rather than God.)*
5. Who should we worship? *(We should only worship God and His Son, Jesus.)*

6. Why do we need to be saved? We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.

*SAY While Moses was up on the mountain talking to God, the people asked Aaron to make gods for them. The people gave their gold jewelry to Aaron so that he could make them a statue of a baby cow to worship instead of God. **The people sinned by worshiping the golden calf.** Moses asked God to forgive their sin, and God forgave them.*

7. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY Say the big picture question with me in a whisper voice: **Why do we need to be saved?** Let's say the answer in a loud voice: **We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.** The Israelites sinned, or disobeyed God, when they worshiped the statue of the golden calf instead of God. When we choose to disobey God, we need to ask God for forgiveness, and He will forgive us.

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage marker at 1 Samuel 2:2 Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Challenge preschoolers to work together to use blocks to spell out Holy. You may want to consider using **painters tape** to create an outline of the letters on the floor. Read aloud the word "holy." Tell preschoolers to listen for the word in the key passage and raise their hands when they hear it. Read aloud the verse a few times.

SAY Have you ever heard the word holy before today? God is holy. He is perfect and good. He alone deserves all of our worship and praise.

6. PRAY

SAY God, we only want to worship You. You are the one and only God. We love You. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

CUT, DRAW, AND TELL

Give each child a sheet of **light brown construction paper**, a pair of **safety scissors**, and a **dark colored marker**. Demonstrate how to cut a large triangle shape to represent a mountain and draw a stick figure of Moses at the top of the mountain. Prompt preschoolers do the same with their supplies.

SAY Whose picture is on the top of the mountain? Moses went up the mountain to talk to God. While the people waited for Moses, they decided to worship a statue instead of God. **The people sinned by worshiping the golden calf.** Moses asked God to forgive their sin. When we choose to sin we can ask Jesus to forgive us. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to rescue us from sin.

PLAY A WAITING GAME

Guide the children to line up across one side of the room. Show a **green sheet of paper** when it is OK for them to walk and a red sheet when it is time to stop. Lead children to only take one step each time you hold up green and stop as you hold up red again. Hold up the **red paper** for longer and longer periods of time. Talk about how hard it is to wait for the green. Hold up the green one more time and allow children to walk to the opposite side of the room when they grow tired of waiting.

SAY The people grew tired of waiting for Moses. They asked Aaron to make something for them to worship instead of God. Aaron made a golden calf for them. Aaron and The people sinned by worshiping a golden calf. God is holy, and we should worship only Him.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color review the Bible story, **SAY** The people were wrong to worship a golden calf. Moses asked God to forgive them. When we do wrong, we can pray and ask Jesus to forgive us. Jesus died and came back to life to rescue us from our sins.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Exodus 32. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers. Props in the storytelling tips are not typically provided, but feel free to bring them from home.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Visual aids: Show gold beads, a cow figure, and a party hat as you tell the story.

Sign a Word: Teach preschoolers how to sign the word "mountain" by holding your hands open and flat, one above the other, and pushing them upward as if they are moving up a slope or mountain. Use this motion when talking about Moses going up the mountain to talk to God. Pull the motion downward when mentioning that Moses went down the mountain.

Moses went up on a mountain to talk with God. He had been gone a long time, and **the people were not sure when he would come back. They went to Aaron and said, "Make gods for us. Moses has left us,** and we don't know what has happened to him!"

Aaron asked the people to take off all their gold jewelry and bring it to him. Aaron used a special tool to form the gold into a statue of a calf, a baby cow. The people said, "These are our gods who brought us up from the land of Egypt!" **Then they had a big party.**

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."**

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 totally 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 worshiping the golden calf. **He** The Gospel Project | Preschool Worship Guide | Unit 5 • Session 2 | 67

smashed the tablets on the ground and destroyed the calf they 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 for themselves. Please forgive their sin."

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

Christ Connection: The people chose to sin when they worshiped the golden calf. Moses asked God to forgive their sin. When we choose to sin we can pray and ask Jesus to forgive us. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to rescue us from sin.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to EXODUS 32 and tell the following Bible story:

While Moses was talking to God, the people wanted to make an idol to worship. So Aaron helped them make a golden statue of a baby cow. God was not happy. He wanted to punish the people. Moses asked God to remember His promise to Abraham—that his children would be as many as the stars in the sky. When Moses came down the mountain with the two stone tablets, he saw the people worshiping the golden cow. Moses got mad, smashed the tablets, and destroyed the golden cow. Moses asked God to forgive the people. God told Moses to make two new stone tablets. God showed that He is compassionate, gracious, kind, and filled with love. Moses worshiped God and returned to the people.

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