



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 44

The Golden Calf

Lesson Aim: To know our holy God requires us to be holy and obey the Ten Commandments.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the kindest thing you have done for a neighbor?

GAME: Obey Ball

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 119:105.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD THE PEOPLE WORSHIP THE GOLDEN CALF

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent manna and quail when His people were hungry.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **Today, we will discover God sent the Ten Commandments to the Israelites. This happened at Mt. Sinai, three months after they left Egypt.** Point to Mt. Sinai. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 20:3-8, 12-21; 32:1-4, 7-8, 19-20, 25-26. Find Exodus 32:19 First. Highlight Key Verse: Exodus 32:19. Pray.

God promised the Israelites would be His treasured possession if they obeyed Him. They saw Moses meet with God on Mt. Sinai. Then, Moses gave them the Ten Commandments. Read Exodus 20:3-8, 12-21. **While Moses was in the cloud on Mt. Sinai getting more laws from God, the people became impatient.** Read Exodus 32:1-4, 7-8, 19, 20, 25-26. **Soon after, God replaced the broken tablets. He gave new tablets to Moses for the people to follow and obey.**

THE WAY WORSHIP ONLY GOD

What made the people afraid after Moses came down the mountain to give them the Ten Commandments? (Thunder, lightning, a trumpet and the mountain in smoke.) **Moses said God was testing them. What was their fear supposed to keep them from doing?** (Sinning.) **When Moses went back up the mountain, what did the people do?** (They

made a golden idol in the shape of a calf.) **What is an idol?** (Anything more important to us than God.) **What did they do with the idol?** (Worshiped it.) **Why would God be angry with them?** (God wants us to only worship Him.) **Which of the Ten Commandments did they disobey?** (Commandment 1: "You shall have no other gods before Me," and Commandment 2: "You shall not bow down to idols or worship them.")

What are some things we sometimes treat as more important than God? (Examples: Friends, sports, celebrities, clothes, games, toys.) **Are these things bad?** (No, we can still enjoy them.) **How can we make sure they do not become more important to us than God?** (Put God first. Do not let them keep us from learning about and worshiping God.)

What did Moses do with the golden calf? (Burned it, ground it into powder, and made the people drink it.) **What happens when we disobey our parents or teachers?** (We are corrected or disciplined.) **Why?** (To help us remember what is right and to protect us.) **God gives us rules and disciplines us when we disobey because He loves and cares for us.**

What did Moses ask God to do for His people? (Forgive them.) **What happened when Moses said, "Whoever is for the Lord come to me."** (The Levites came to him.) **God gave His people a new set of Ten Commandment tablets so they could try again to be obedient. God gives us another chance to obey Him, too. Let's review the Ten Commandments.** Distribute Ten Commandments Treasure Treats. Read each commandment, have the children repeat it, and discuss examples.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Many years after God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, Jesus gave us two commandments that summarize the ten. Reveal Matthew 22:37-39. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

If you obey the two commandments Jesus gave us, you will also be obeying the Ten Commandments. What is the first commandment Jesus gave? (Love God with all of your heart, soul, and mind.) **Look at the Ten Commandments. Which ones teach us to love God?** (Commandments 1-4.) **What is the second commandment from Jesus?** (Love your neighbor as yourself.) **Who is our neighbor?** (Everyone in the world.) **Which of the Ten Commandments teach us to love our neighbor?** (Commandments 5-10.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Ten Commandments and explanation
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Moses on Mt. Sinai
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Ten Crackers

GAME: The Commandment Connection

CRAFT: Commandment Scroll

DISCUSSION: Commandments 1-4

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Manna Scrambler

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW