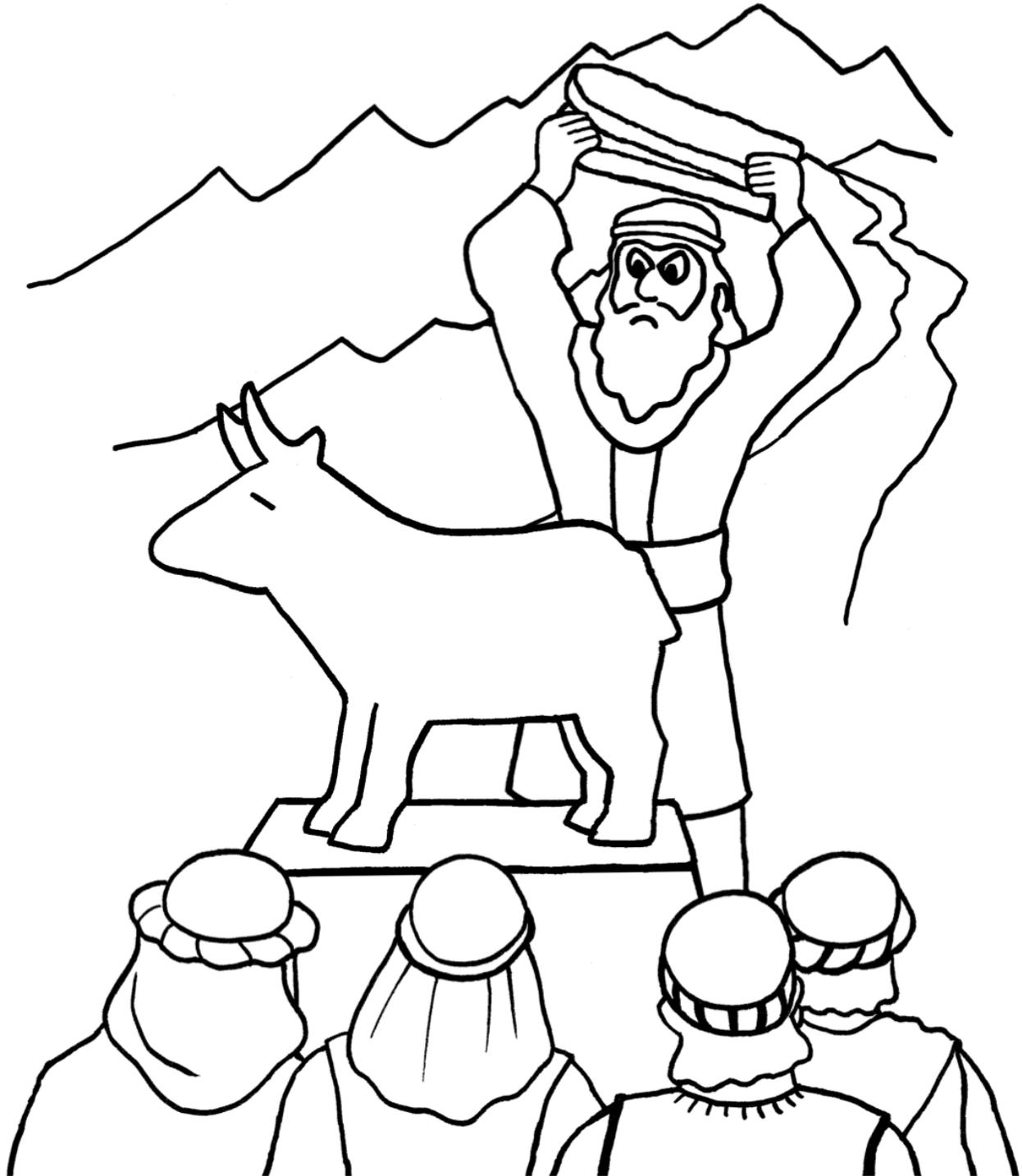


The God We Can't See

Lesson 9 - Exodus 32:1-29

Lesson Aim	To help kids learn that God wants us to worship Him even when we can't see Him.
Memory Verse	Exodus 20:3 - "You shall have no other gods before me."
This week's story	Exodus 32:1-29 -- The Golden Calf
Main takeaways	<p>God asked the Israelites to worship Him even though they couldn't see Him.</p> <p>When God called Moses up to the holy mountain, no one knew how long Moses would be there. Before he left, the Israelites agreed to obey the Ten Commandments and all of God's laws. They had promised to worship God only - not make idols.</p> <p>Moses was with God on the mountain a long time (40 days!). Some people forgot their promises and asked Moses's brother Aaron to make an idol. They wanted things to be like Egypt where they saw idols all the time. So Aaron made them a golden calf.</p> <p>When Moses came back down the mountain with God's law written on stone tablets and saw the people worshiping the idol, he became angry and smashed the tablets.</p> <p>God doesn't show Himself in a body we can see; God is a spirit. Each of us has a body, a mind, and a soul or spirit. Our spirit is the part of us that loves God and speaks to Him in prayer. Our spirit lives forever. God wants us to worship Him with that part of us who understands who He is and loves Him.</p>
Potential questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do you think Moses was so disappointed in the people when he saw them worshiping an idol?• What advice would you have given Aaron?• Why do you think people believe in God even though they can't see Him?• Even though we can't see God as a person (or animal), are there other ways we can know God is there?

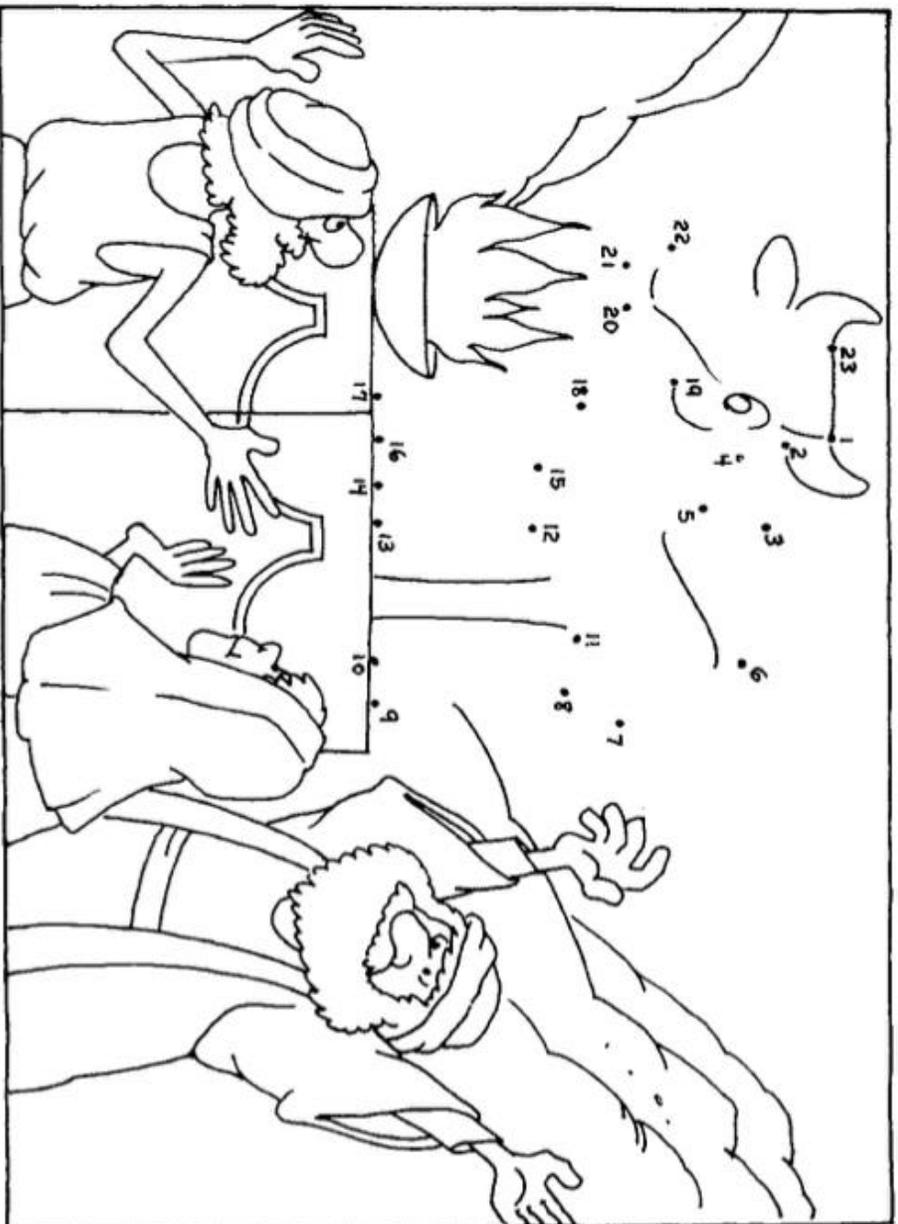
Video / Song	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Commandments and Golden Calf God's Story - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX28nAB4S7A • Love the Lord Kids Worship Motions with Lyrics - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMIxCdIY-c
Suggested Activity (Toddlers/Preschool)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Page - "Commandments and the Golden Calf" • Playdough Creatures - Can people make gods? If you make something, will it live? Will it be more powerful than you? Make calves or other animals from the clay. Discuss how silly it is to worship something we made with our own hands.
Suggested Activity (K-2nd grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Page - "Commandments and the Golden Calf" • Activity Page - Dot-to-Dot • Playdough Creatures (see <i>Toddlers/Preschool</i>)
Suggested Activity (3rd-5th grades)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Idols - Have kids either make a collage with pictures from magazines/newspapers or draw pictures of things we might be tempted to make into idols. After completing the collage/drawing, have kids put a circle with a slash through it over each picture. Put the Bible verse (Ex. 20:3) at the top or bottom of the page. • Activity Page - Fill in the Shapes (Ex. 32:16) • Activity Page - Broken Commandments - Have kids color the tablets. Once done, cut them along the lines into pieces. Time kids to see how fast they can put the tablets back together. <p>As kids are coloring and cutting the Ten Commandments into pieces, remind them of how the Israelites sinned by putting other gods before the one and only true God. Not only that, but they made for themselves an idol. This was enough to cause Moses to throw down the two tablets at the foot of the mountain.</p>
Sources	https://freesundayschoolcurriculum.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/5/0/12503916/lesson_43_the_golden_calf.pdf



Commandments and the Golden Calf

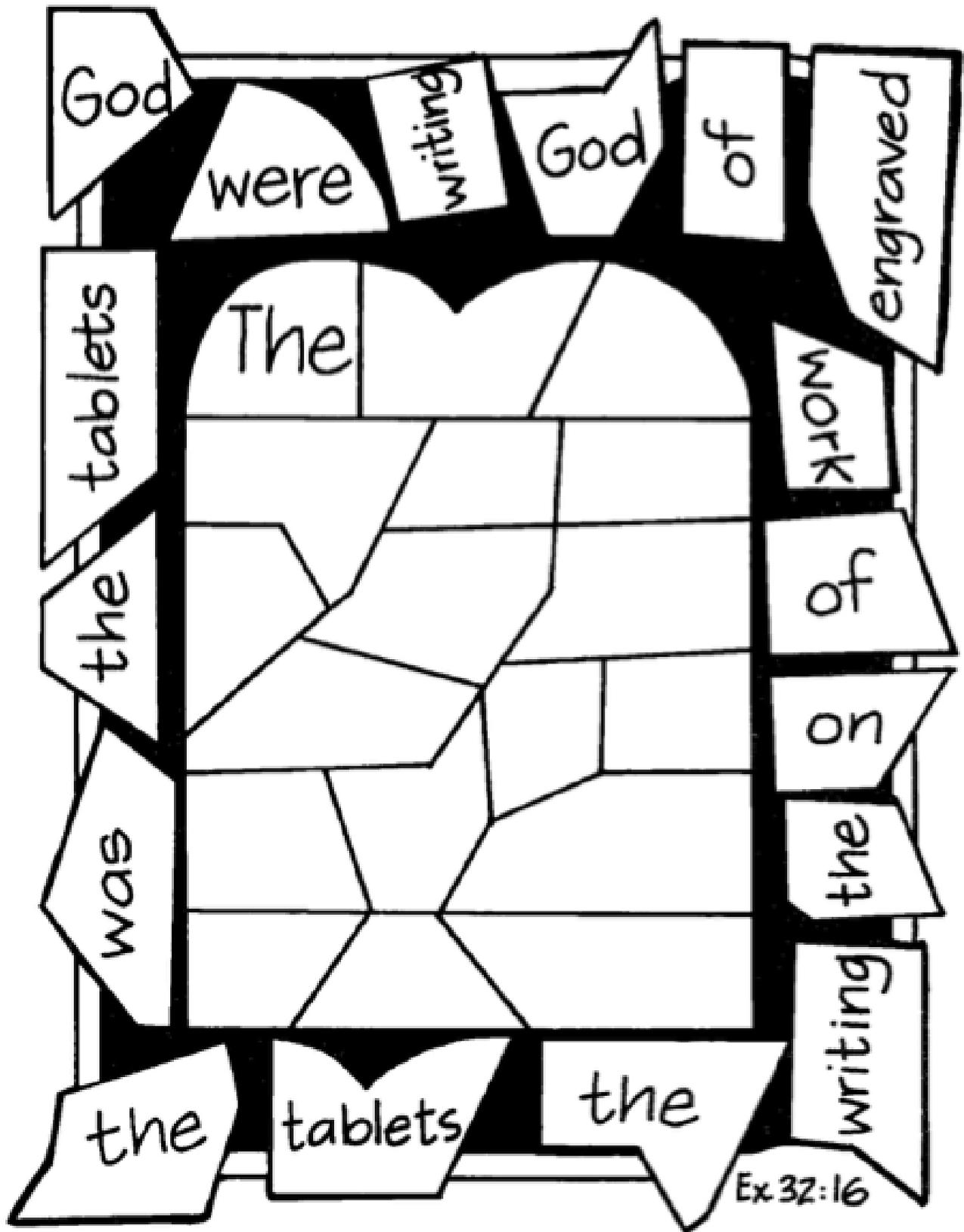
(Exodus 32:1-24)

**Starting at #1,
connect the
dots to see
what the
Israelites
made from
gold.**



Moses went to the top of the mountain where God gave him the Ten Commandments. He was gone a long time and the people began to think that he was never coming back. They gave Aaron their gold jewelry and he built an idol for them to worship instead of God.

Find the shape on the outside of the puzzle that matches a shape in the tablet. Write the word from that shape on the matching shape.



BROKEN COMMANDMENTS PATTERN

1. You shall have no other gods before me.

2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.

3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

4. Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy.

5. Honor your father and mother.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

10. You shall not covet.