
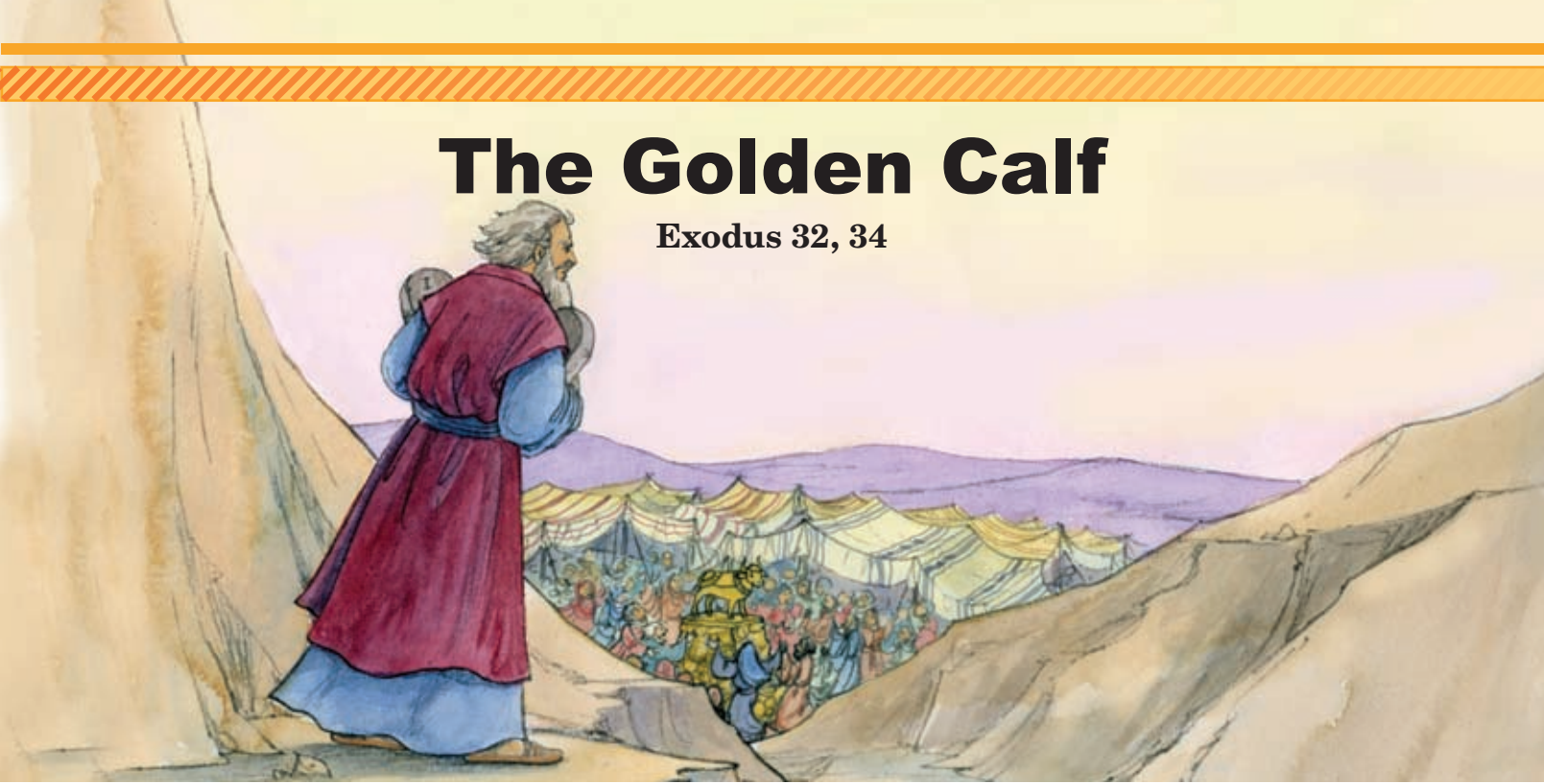


The Golden Calf

Exodus 32, 34



Moses was **up** on Mount Sinai a long time, talking to God. The people of Israel didn't know what had happened to him. **Down** below, they got tired of waiting. They said to Aaron, "Make us gods."


The people brought their gold jewelry, and Aaron made it into a golden calf. The people worshiped the calf and danced **around** it. They said it was their new god.

Up on the mountain, God saw everything. He was angry. So Moses prayed that God would not destroy the people. God was merciful. He told Moses to go back **down** because the people were doing wicked things.

Moses went **down** the mountain with the two tablets from God. When Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancers. Now Moses was angry. He threw **down** the tablets. They broke into pieces. He burned the calf. He punished the people who did not love God. God said the people should repent.

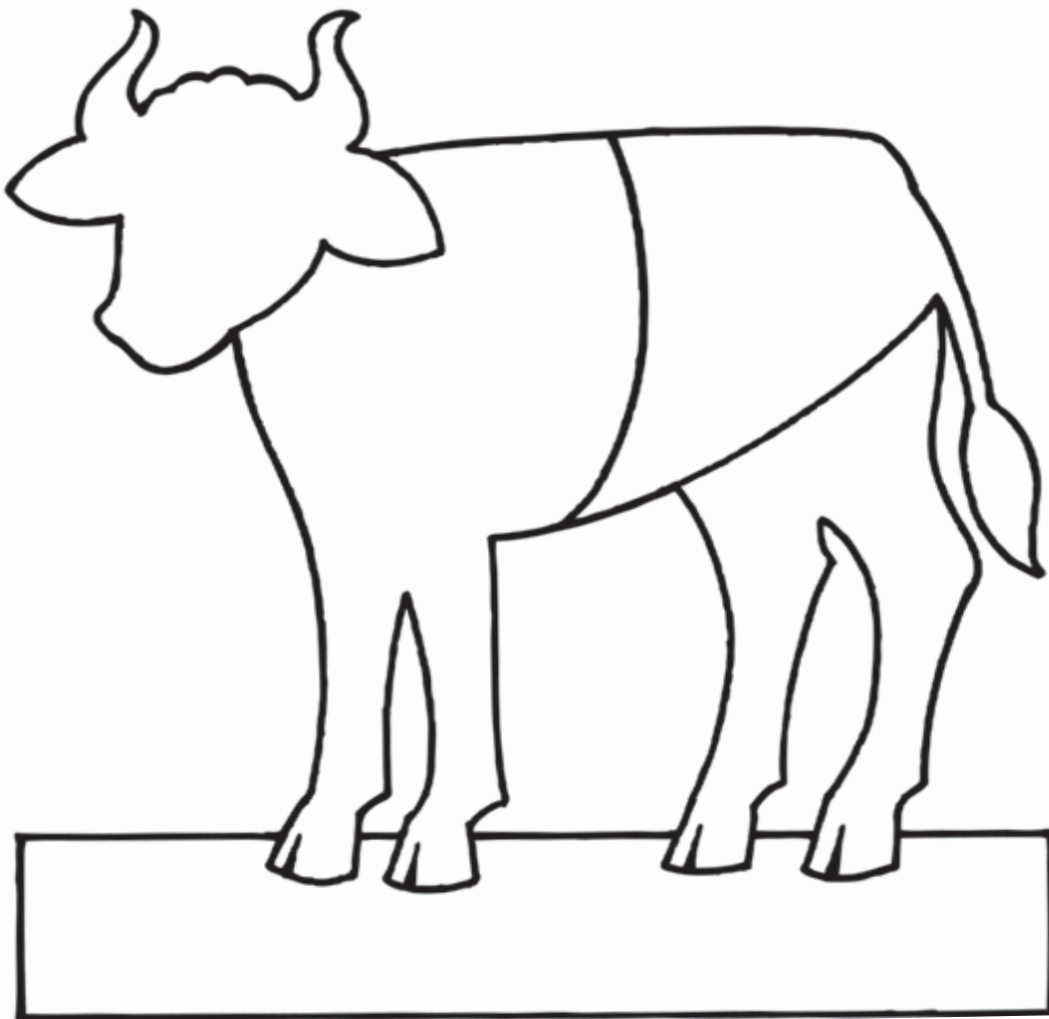
Then Moses made two stone tablets like the first ones and went **up** Mount Sinai. There, he spoke to God and asked God to forgive the sins of the people. God agreed.

When Moses came **down** with the two tablets, his face was radiant because he had spoken to God.



Whom Do You Fear, Love, and Trust?

Directions: The people of Israel did not always fear, love, and trust in God. As you hear your teacher read about other people, decide whom they trust. Color in a part of the calf when you hear about people whose actions show that they do not fear, love, and trust God above all things.



Bible Words to Remember

[God is] merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Exodus 34:6

