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BIBLE STORYLINE

## The Golden Calf

[PursueGODkids.org](http://PursueGODkids.org)**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)***Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.****Slide: Series Intro**

Today we are going to talk about another crazy story from Moses' life. But before we get into that I have some questions for you! What is your favorite color? (allow kids to answer). Good! What about your favorite animal? (allow kids to answer). Cool! What's your favorite toy? (allow kids to answer). Wow, you guys have some cool stuff! We all have a lot of different favorite things. But, we're going to learn today that even our favorite things shouldn't be more important than God.

We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!

**Song***Fearfully*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

**Slide: Big Idea***All together:*

Don't treat other things better than you treat God. **(Repeat)**

**Video***Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap**

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- What animal did the Israelites make out of gold? (a calf/cow)
- What did Moses do when he came down the mountain? (smashed the 10 commandments)
- True or False: Sometimes there are things that are more important than God. (F)

Of course that's not true! God is the Creator of the universe. He created the sun, the ocean, cotton candy and even your favorite toys! So, it's silly to think that anything or anyone else could ever be more important than God. But, here's what usually happens. We start spending time doing other things and we forget about God and all that he's done for us. We make our friends and video games our priority and stop spending time with God.

That's why it's so important to keep God as our first priority. We should read the Bible and pray. And, if we start to notice that we're spending more time playing with our toys or friends than with God, we should stop ourselves and remember that we don't want to treat those things better than we treat God.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"You must not have any other god (wag finger "no") but me (point up)." Exodus 20:3 (*Repeat*)

This verse is the first of the 10 Commandments. God's first rule for the people was not to put any other thing in front of him. God knew that if the people started caring more about other things, they would forget about him. And that's what happened in the story of the golden calf. The Israelites thought that God had forgotten about them so they made a new god for them to worship. They melted their gold from jewelry and created a cow!

Doesn't that just sound silly? Who would think that a cow could take the place of the real God? But in reality, we are all guilty of placing silly things ahead of God. We treat our friends and toys better than we treat God. And that's just as silly as making a golden cow to worship!

God should be first. Our toys and friends won't last forever. One day our toys will break and our friends might move away, but God will always be there and will never leave us. So don't treat the silly things better than you treat God!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*No One Greater*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Don't treat other things better than you treat God. (*Repeat*)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.