

Q4

BIBLE STORYLINE

The Golden Calf

2nd-3rd

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a very disappointing event that happened when Moses was gone for a while and the Israelites were left without a leader. Last time, we learned about the 10 Commandments and how God gave Moses some rules to bring back to the people so they would know how to treat God and other people. Well, while Moses was up on the mountain with God, the people grew restless. They decided that God was ignoring them and so they created their own god. They took metal and jewelry and melted it all together and created a cow to worship. Now, this sounds silly to us, right? After all God had done for them, like rescuing them from slavery and having food fall from the sky to feed them, they decided a cow was better than God. When Moses returned, he couldn't believe what was happening. He was angry. Here's the lesson. No thing or person should ever take the place of God. He should always be first. He loves us. He provides for us. He is the only one worthy of our praise and worship.

Big Idea

Don't treat other things better than you treat God

Key Question

How should we treat God?

Memory Verse

Exodus 20:3 "You must not have any other god but me."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
 2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Of all your toys, which one is your favorite and why?** (Tip: It's okay to love our favorite things and take good care of them but nothing should be more important to us than God.)
 3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
 4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
 5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
 6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **God deserves our honor and respect.** (The Israelites had a short memory. Instead of remembering all that God had done for them, they started worshipping a silly cow because they thought God had forgotten them. Let's not let that be true of us. God should always be first and we should thank him every day for all that he's given us. And, we should show him honor and respect by obeying what the Bible says and spending time with him by reading the Bible, praying, and going to church.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why does God deserve our honor and respect? How do we show him that respect and honor? **4-5th** Why do you think the Israelites were willing to worship a cow? What are some things we tend to worship and put ahead of God?
 7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read 1 Timothy 6:17. Why can't our money or stuff make us happy? What does this verse tell us that God does for us?** Answer: New toys or video games may give us temporary enjoyment but they can't make us truly happy. Toys break and new versions emerge. Only a relationship with God can make us truly happy. He created us so he knows what will make us happy and he will give us what we need.)
 8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: GOLDEN COW CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Cow template (page 5), a small white paper plate and two clothes pins. Have the kids cut out each item.
- Have the kids flip their plate bottom side up and have them fold it in half. Have them color each side yellow.
- Then, have them color the cow face yellow. Have them glue the cow face at one end of the folded side of the plate and have them clip the clothes pins to the bottom of the plate to look like legs. Then have them glue the Big Idea and the Memory verse, one on each side of the plate (cow's body).
- As they work, read the story from Exodus 32:1-8, 19-20. Remind the kids that we should never treat anything or anyone like they're God. There is only one God and he deserves all of our honor and respect.

Supplies needed: Cow template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Small paper plates (1 per kid), Clothes pins (2 per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Glue

OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW JEOPARDY

Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Read a question from below. First team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets a point. If incorrect, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point. Continue playing until all the questions have been asked. Team with the most points, wins.

Questions:

1. How many commandments did God give to Moses? (10)
2. T or F: Our stuff should matter most. (F)
3. Where did Moses go to get the commandments? (top of mountain)
4. Who died on the cross for our sins? (Jesus)
5. What did the people make out of metal and jewelry? (golden calf)

6. From what book is our Memory verse found? (see board)
7. Why was Moses angry? (people worshipping cow)
8. T or F: God deserves our honor and respect. (T)
9. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
10. What's the Big Idea today? (see board)

Supplies needed: Bells/Ringers

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God gave Moses the ten commandments on Mount Sinai, but when he came off the mountain he was in for a big surprise!

Key Points:

- God gave _____ the 10 commandments on top of a mountain.
- The Israelites got tired of waiting and made a _____ to worship.
- Moses reminded the Israelites there's only _____ God.
- When you treat a _____ thing like it's _____, you're making a big mistake!

Memory Verse:

Exodus 20:3 You must not have any other god but me.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Of all your toys, which one is your favorite and why?*
3. *What did God give to Moses on top of the mountain?*
4. *What did the people make when Moses was away? Why did they do that?*
5. *Read 1 Timothy 6:17. Why can't our money or stuff make us happy? What does this verse tell us that God does for us?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.

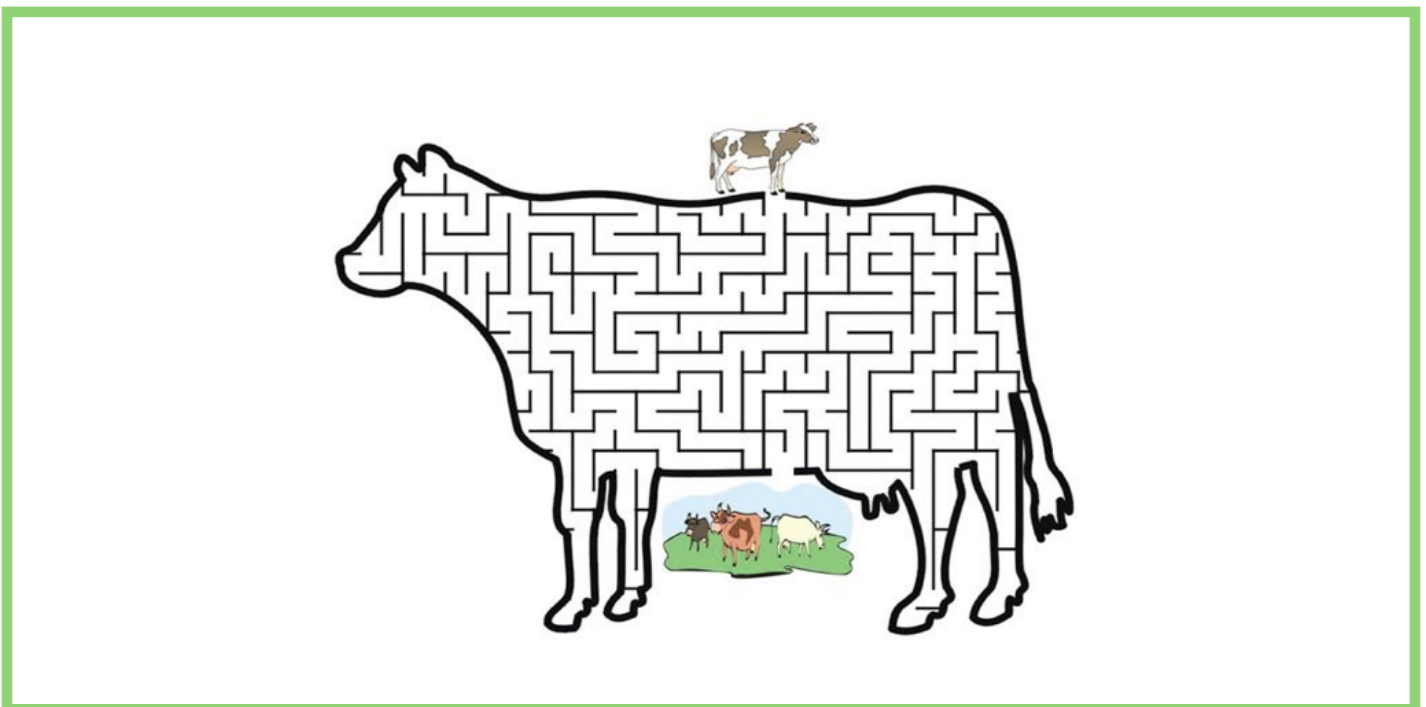


Big Idea

Key Question

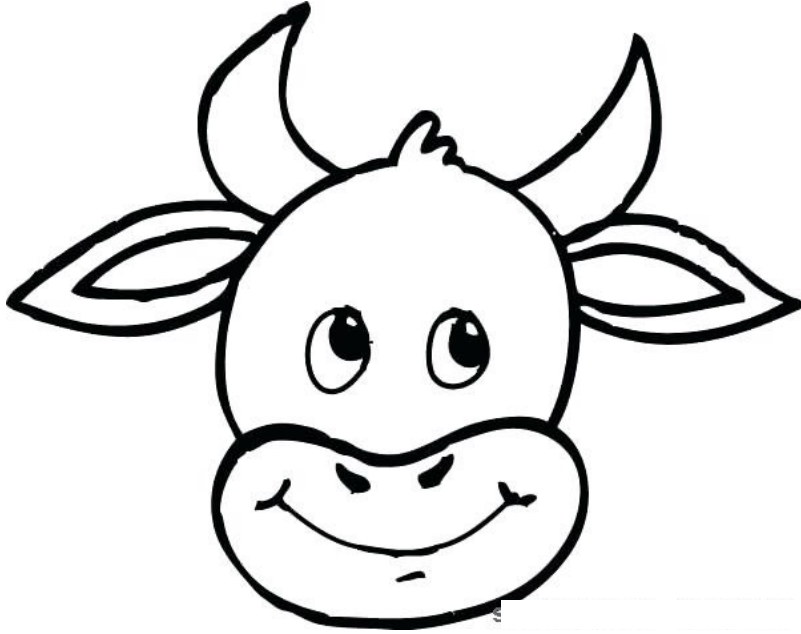
Memory Verse

*Exodus 20:___ "___ must
not have any _____ god
but _____."*



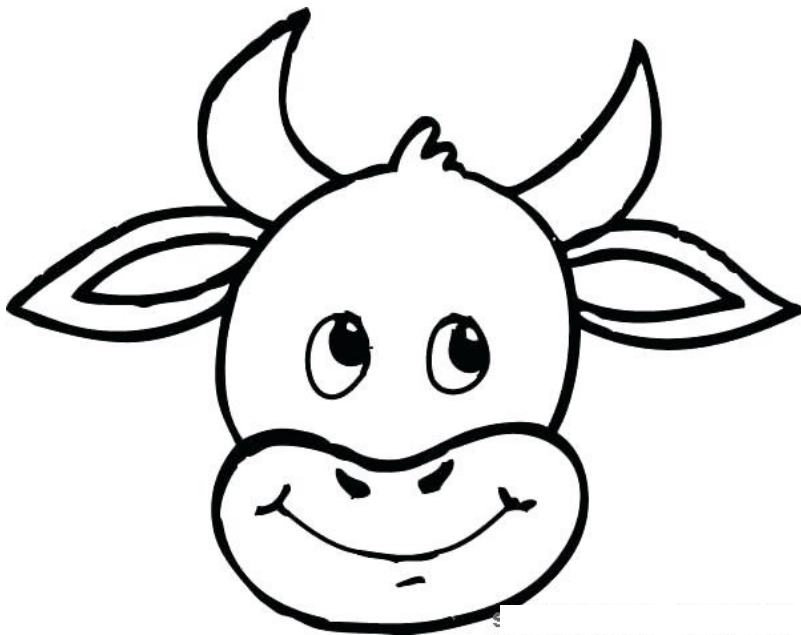
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