



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

THE PEOPLE WORSHIPED A GOLDEN CALF



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of [Exodus 32–34](#) from the Bible.



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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

The average person will spend 52 days of his or her life waiting in line. That's a lot of waiting. We don't enjoy waiting in line at the store, waiting on our food to be ready, and waiting on our sister to get out of the bathroom. The worst is waiting on someone to help us do something that we really want to do for ourselves. Waiting makes us impatient and frustrated, which often leads us to say or do things we shouldn't.

This was exactly the case for the Israelites. God led His people into the wilderness, but He did not leave them there alone. He was there with them. He provided food and water to satisfy them. But when Moses went up on the mountain and did not return for several weeks, the people felt abandoned. Instead of trusting God and being patient, they decided to make something new to worship.

When God saw what they were doing, He wanted to destroy the people. It may sound harsh, but God had every right to do so. They took the worship that belonged to God—the One who saved them from Egypt—and gave it to a golden cow.

The Israelites deserved to be punished for their sin against God, but Moses asked God to forgive the people. In the same way, we deserve to be punished for our sin, but God has made forgiveness available through Jesus.

Moses acted as the people's mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

***Pray:** God, forgive us for seeing other things as more important than You. Help us remember Your faithfulness and help us keep You first in our lives. Thank You for Jesus and for His sacrifice to save people from their sins.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



**Come, let's worship and bow down;
let's kneel before the LORD our
Maker. For he is our God, and
we are the people of his pasture,
the sheep under his care.**

Psalm 95:6-7



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- SING SCRIPTURE -

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.