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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 5 • Session 2

THE GOLDEN CALF

Exodus 32; 34

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE SAVED? PEOPLE ARE SINFUL AND CANNOT SAVE THEMSELVES.

Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights talking with God. When the people saw that Moses did not come back quickly, they came to Aaron and said, "Come and make gods who will go before us."

Aaron asked them to take off all their gold jewelry and bring it to him. He made the gold jewelry into the image of a calf. The people said, "These are our gods who brought us up from the land of Egypt!"

The Lord said to Moses: "Go down the mountain at once! The people have sinned. They have disobeyed Me and made a golden calf to worship. But Moses said, "Please do not destroy the people!" The Lord heard Moses and agreed not to destroy the Israelites.

Moses was angry when he saw the people worshiping the golden calf. He smashed the tablets on the ground and destroyed the calf they had made. He said, "You have sinned against the LORD. I will go up to Him and ask Him to forgive you." Moses returned to the Lord and said, "The people have sinned by making a god of gold for themselves. Please forgive their sin." God told Moses that whoever has sinned against Him will be held accountable.

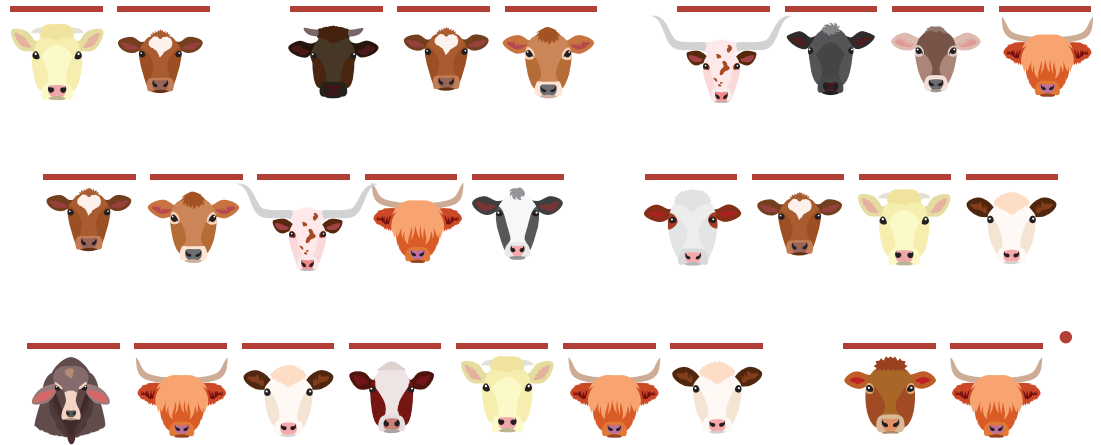
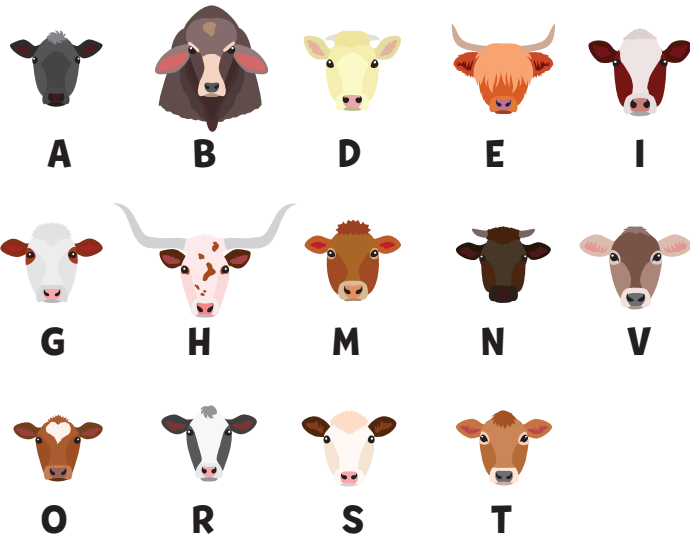
God instructed Moses to make two new stone tablets. God said, "The LORD is compassionate and gracious. He is slow to anger and abounding in love and truth."

Christ Connection: The people chose to worship a golden calf instead of God, and God's anger burned against them. Moses interceded so that God would forgive them. We are all sinners who deserve the wrath of God, but Jesus interceded for us through His life, death, and resurrection so we can be saved!

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!



Crack the Code | Use the symbol key to decode the message.



Is It True? | Write T if the sentence is true or F if the sentence is false.



- ☐ Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for 10 days and 10 nights talking with God.
- ☐ The people became impatient and told Aaron to make gods for them.
- ☐ The people worshiped a bronze bird.
- ☐ God knew what the people were doing, and His anger burned against them.
- ☐ Moses asked God to turn from His anger and not destroy the Israelites.
- ☐ Moses was angry at the people's sin and set the stone tablets down gently.
- ☐ Moses went to the people and told them they had sinned against the Lord.
- ☐ Moses returned to the people with three new stone tablets.