

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **June 13, 2021** Family Theme | **God Alone Deserves Our Worship** Study Text | **Exodus 32:1-35**

Objective: Help your children understand that the Israelites turned from following God to worship idols. We should remove from our lives anything that prevents us from giving God the worship and obedience He alone deserves.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 40 days after God appeared on Mount Sinai to give the Ten Commandments. He had continued to give His law to Moses to pass along to the people.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. What does the First Commandment mean? Answer: The First Commandment (Exodus 20:3) directs us to worship God only and to glorify Him as God.

Read the Word: Exodus 32:1-35

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that idolatry is letting anything have the worship and importance only God should have. He deserves first place in our lives. He is the only One we worship and we should not let anything be as important to us as He is.



Key Truth: Idolatry Damages Our Relationship With God (Exodus 32:1-14)

In their impatience, as they waited on Moses to return, the people of Israel reverted to idolatry. Aaron, rather than leading them back to God's path, acquiesced and made a golden calf. They gave sacrifices and offerings to it and then participated in wild, immoral partying. The damage Israel's idolatry had caused shows up in a simple word in verse 7: *your* people. God could no longer call Israel *my* people. They had not just fallen into idolatry. They had been quick to turn away. They had ascribed to idols the deliverance God had worked for them. People who had no problem bowing down to idols could not (would not) bow their heads to God. God was ready to wipe them out, right where they were. Moses, however, interceded to bridge the broken relationship. Idolatry leads away from God, never to Him. Our sinful human nature makes it easy for us to put things ahead of God or look to other things to satisfy what only God can satisfy. It is good for us to regularly examine our lives and rid ourselves of any modern day idols that will damage our relationship with God.



Key Truth: Idolatry Leads to Judgment (Exodus 32:15-35)

When he realized what was happening, Moses broke the stone tablets with the commandments on them. He burned and ground the calf, then sprinkled the remains in water and made the people drink it. When confronted by Moses, Aaron gave a pitiful excuse for his actions. Moses called for those who were on the Lord's side to come to him and conveyed God's command for them to strike down many of the people. About 3,000 men died that day. These were likely the ringleaders, perhaps those most flagrantly and openly involved in the idolatrous excess. God was not one to punish arbitrarily the innocent (Moses), nor to condemn the guilty (Israel). Those who had sinned would bear the results of their rebellion. Judgment would come. Verse 34, however, specifically committed God to continuing with the people. He did not abandon His delivered people. He would punish, yes, but not in a way that wiped them off the map as a people.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What is *idolatry*?
- Why is idolatry so offensive to God?
- What forms does idolatry take in our culture?
- Why is idolatry so dangerous? What does it do to our relationship with God?
- What are you sometimes tempted to trust in or put ahead of God in your life?
- What would you need to do to remove any idolatry from your life?
- **For Elementary:** What is *idolatry*?
- **For Elementary:** Why is idolatry so offensive to God?

Everyday Extras

Which is larger, a dollar bill or a Bible? The size difference is very obvious when they are next to one another, but try an experiment with your children. If you hold the dollar bill close to your face as you step away from the Bible, it can entirely block your view of the Book, making the Bible seem small or invisible. (Try it with a quarter too!) Idols work that way. When we focus on them and get further away from God and His directions for us, we lose our perspective about what is important and make bad choices. Talk with your children about modern-day idols that would rob God of the worship He deserves.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned about the other six rules, or commandments, God gave the Israelites and us. God also commanded the Israelites to teach their children these commandments throughout the day. We can obey God's rules because He loves us and wants the best for us. **God's Rules Are Best.**