



Golden Calf

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Exodus 32:1-14

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Merciful God, you do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ...they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"" (Exodus 32:7-8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn't been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they knew—the gods of Egypt. When God's wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What do you trust more than God? (It's ok if you do—it's a human thing.) How might you shift your perspective to place more of your trust in God?

What expensive item do you wish you had? How would it make you happier? Could you learn to be happiest without it?

For the littles: What's your favorite possession? God loves you even more than you love that!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God be enough. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Sell something you own that is valuable. Use some of that money to pay your bills. Give some away. Notice that how you distribute that money can say a lot about your values and priorities.



Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *God Calls Joshua*, Joshua 1:1-11

Tuesday: *Rahab Helps God's People*, Joshua 2:1-24, 6:1-27

Wednesday: *Deborah Helps Barak*, Judges 4:4-10

Thursday: *Gideon Tests God*, Judges 6:36-7:23

Friday: *Samson and Delilah*, Judges 16:1-31

Saturday: *Ruth and Naomi*, Ruth 1:1-22