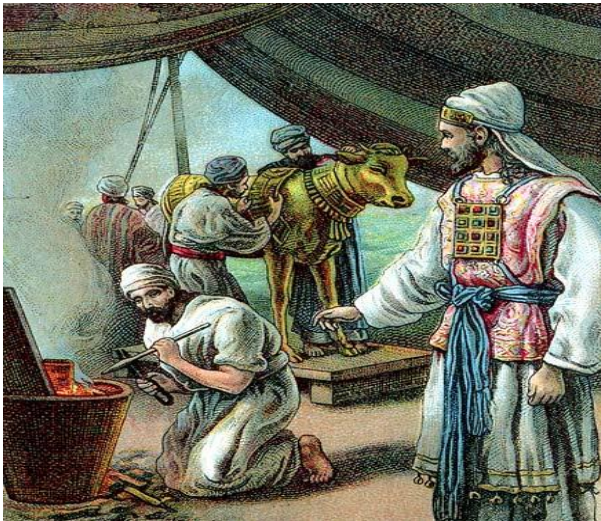


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The Calf

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-9

God wrote the Ten Commandments by His fingers on two tablets of stone. There were other ordinances that God told Moses and it was noted down by him. When the people saw, that Moses was gone for too long did not come down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So, all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. I have seen these people, they are a stiff-necked people.”



Kids, did you’ll see the ignorance of the Israelites? They forgot all the marvelous ways in which God had led them thus far and they began to demand Aaron for an idol. Even Aaron agrees to their pathetic plea and makes them a golden calf. What was the best decision they could’ve taken? As soon as they realized that Moses didn’t return for too long, they should’ve prayed and inquired of the Lord. They should’ve been worried as to what happened to Moses. When they asked Aaron for a Calf as an idol, he should’ve realized that they are doing out of ignorance and counseled them that God who led them thus far will lead them to the destiny. Dear children, we should never partake in such sinful acts. Remember the second commandment.

“Everyone is senseless and without knowledge; every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them.” Jeremiah 51:17

Prayer

Loving heavenly Father, we give You all glory and honor. We will never bow down to any Idol. Amen

