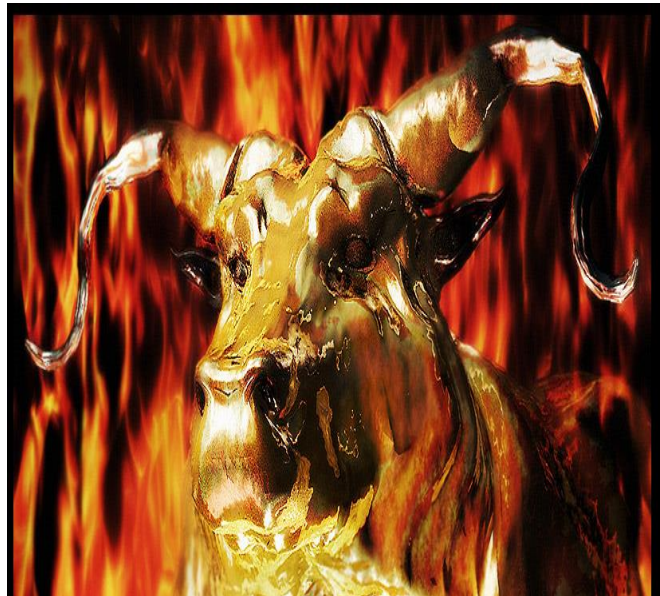


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The Anger of Moses

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:11-21

God said to Moses that He will destroy all the Israelites and make Moses a great nation. Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: "Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?'" So, the Lord relented from the harm which He said thought He would do to His people. When Moses came down the mountain from the presence of God, he saw the calf and the dancing. So, Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

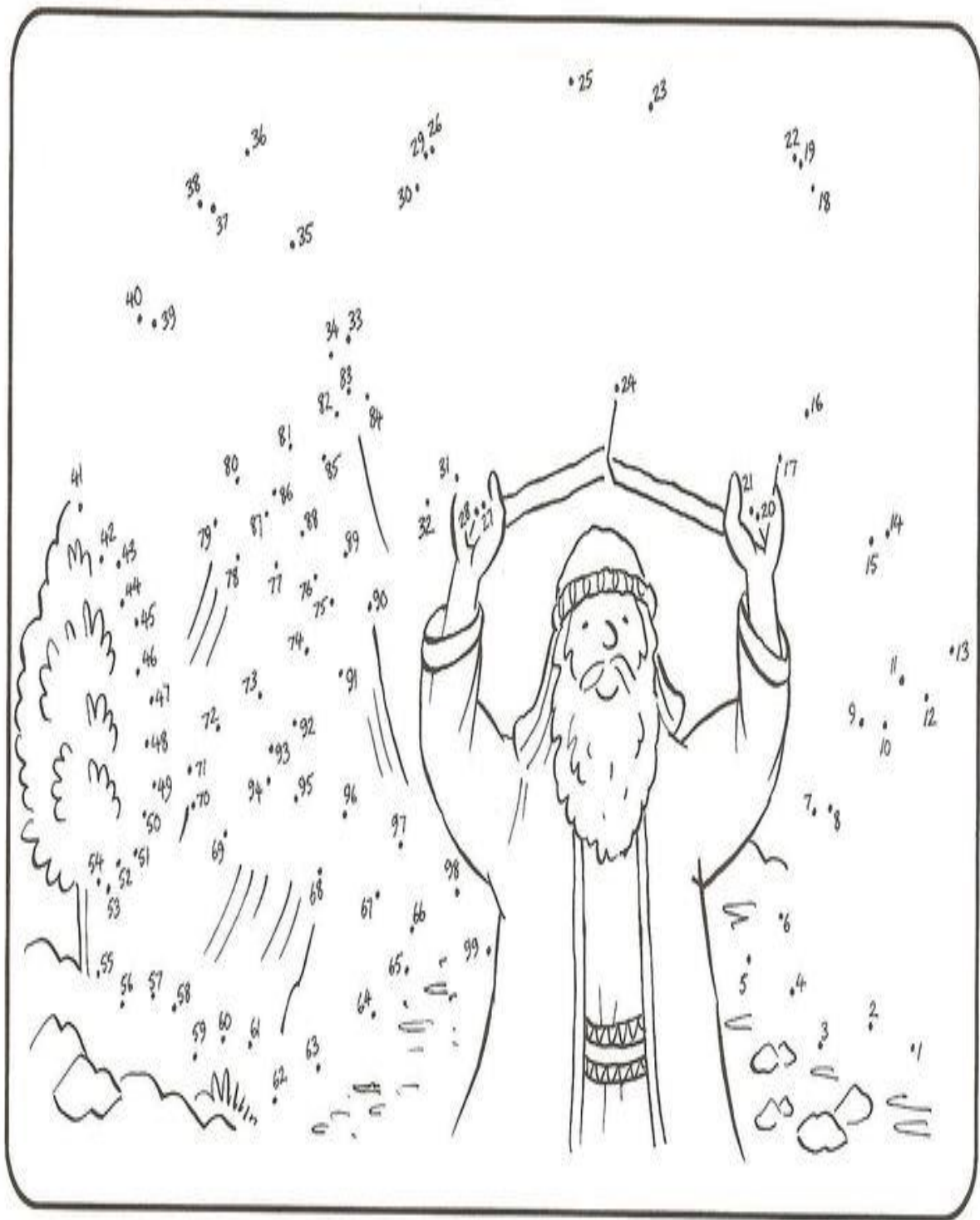


Moses spoke to God and brought down His fury against the Israelites. But he himself became so angry that he threw the tablets of stone on which the commandments were written and broke it. What was the reason? Moses who greatly loved the people of Israel was so angry because he did not want them to be consumed by the wrath of God. By burning the calf and grinding it to powder he proved to the people that it is not god. He completely destroyed it till there was no trace found. Dear children, just as we read that Moses interceded for the people of Israel, we too should pray and care for others.

"But now, please forgive their sin--but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written." Exodus 32:32

Prayer

Loving merciful Father, forgive our sins and shortcomings. Help us to be broad-minded like Moses. Amen



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