



K - 2ND

5.2
The Golden Calf



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Have you ever said “I’m sorry” when you did something wrong? Has anyone ever said, “I’m sorry” to you? Why do you think it’s important to say, “I’m sorry.”



TURN AWAY

Start by 9:20/10:45

Play a game similar to red light green light, but with a twist. Choose one kid to be “It.” Instead of turning around and saying “green light” or “red light,” when “It” says **“come forward”** the kids will take TWO steps forward. When “It” says **“turn away”** kids will have to spin and turn away from “It.” If someone accidentally takes a step or doesn’t turn around, they have to go back to the beginning.

When you heard the words ‘turn away,’ you knew you needed to turn around. In a similar way, when we are tempted to sin, God wants us to turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. Sin leads to separation from God, but Jesus leads people to life.

In our story, we’ll see that the Israelites didn’t turn away from their sin but believed a lie, and chose to worship something else instead of God. God wants us to believe what is true. When we turn away from sin and turn to Jesus, we believe truth.

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9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Read Exodus 34:6-7 aloud. Then discuss these questions:

- **What are some words God uses to tell us what He is like?** (Kind, loving, forgiving, patient)
- **How does God show love to us when we do something wrong?** (He forgives us and is patient with us.)
- **Who took the punishment for our sin so we can be forgiven and saved?** (Jesus!)



DISCUSSION

- **Why do we sin?** A long time ago, Adam and Eve did not obey God. That is how sin came into the world. Now everyone sins. Sometimes our hearts want our own way instead of God's way. We sin when we choose not to obey God or do what He tells us to do.
- **Why does sin separate us from God?** God is perfect and holy. He always does what is right. Sin is anything that goes against God and what He loves, and God hates sin.
- **Why did Jesus have to pay for our sin?** The Bible tells us sin brings death. Sin must be punished. But God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to take our punishment. Jesus died in our place so we can be forgiven. When we trust in Jesus, He saves us and gives us new life with Him forever.



TRASHKETBALL

Place a clean trash can at the front of your room. Use painter's tape to create a "free throw line" five or six feet away from the trash can. Form kids into teams of four or five. Direct kids to listen carefully as you make a statement about the 10 commandments. Challenge teams to decide if the statement is or isn't a commandment. The first team to answer correctly will send one kid to make a free throw into the trash can. If the kid makes it, he earns one point for his team. Continue as time allows. At the end of the activity, determine which team has the most points.

No one can make every basket they shoot. In a similar way, no one except Jesus can perfectly obey all of God's commands. As humans, we will all mess up and sin against the Lord. Today, we'll see how the Israelites sinned against God. Sin deserves punishment, but God sent Jesus to take our punishment so we can be forgiven.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.