



The Golden Calf: Exodus 31:18-32:8

Lesson 35 Visuals

- **God told Moses to come back on top of Mt. Sinai because God wanted to give him stone tablets with the Ten Commandments on them.**
- **Joshua went up there with Moses because Joshua was his assistant.**
- **Moses left Aaron and Hur in charge of the Israelites.**
- **Moses was on top of Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights.**



- **When the Israelites looked up, the Lord's glory look like a consuming fire. It looked scary to them.**
- **The Lord told Moses that the Israelites were to take up and offering to collect gold, silver and other things of value.**
- **That collection was to be used to make the tabernacle and all the things that were to go inside the tabernacle.**
- **The tabernacle was to be like a portable church that could be moved from place to place.**



- **The tabernacle would be a holy place. Holy means set apart for the Lord. So the tabernacle would be a place set apart for the Lord.**
- **The ark of the covenant would be dangerous to touch or to come too close to because God's glorious presence would be in the ark of the covenant.**
- **Poles needed to be attached to the ark of the covenant so it could be moved from place to place.**
- **Two gold Cherubim were on top of the ark. (Cherubim are angels with wings.)**



- **The wings of those gold cherubim covered the mercy seat.**
- **God said to Moses, “I will meet with you there above the Mercy seat.**
- **The mercy seat is so special because this was the place where the Lord would give mercy instead of the punishment deserved.**
- **The Israelites had to follow God’s instructions in order to receive God’s mercy.**
- **Animals had to be continually sacrificed so that a Holy God could live among the Israelites.**



- **The Lord God carved the two stone tablets and wrote the Ten Commandments on them with His finger and then gave them to Moses.**
- **Moses was on top of Mt. Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights.**
- **To the Israelites, it looked like Moses was inside a consuming fire on top of Mt. Sinai.**
- **The Israelites were afraid Moses wasn't coming back.**
- **The Israelites asked Aaron to make gods for them that would lead them.**



- **Aaron melted down the Israelite's gold jewelry and formed an idol for the Israelites to worship. Aaron formed that idol into a golden calf.**
- **The first two commandments were broken when Aaron made the golden calf.**
- **Commandment #1: There is one God; you shall have no other gods.**
- **Commandment #2: Do not make an idol; do not bow down to an idol.**



- **God had told Moses on top of Mt. Sinai to take up a collection to make the tabernacle. But the Israelites took up a collection of gold to make that golden calf, an idol, an object of false worship.**
- **The Israelites gave credit to the golden calf for leading them out of Egypt.**
- **Aaron called for a festival to the One True Lord God; but the Israelites worshipped the golden calf at the festival.**