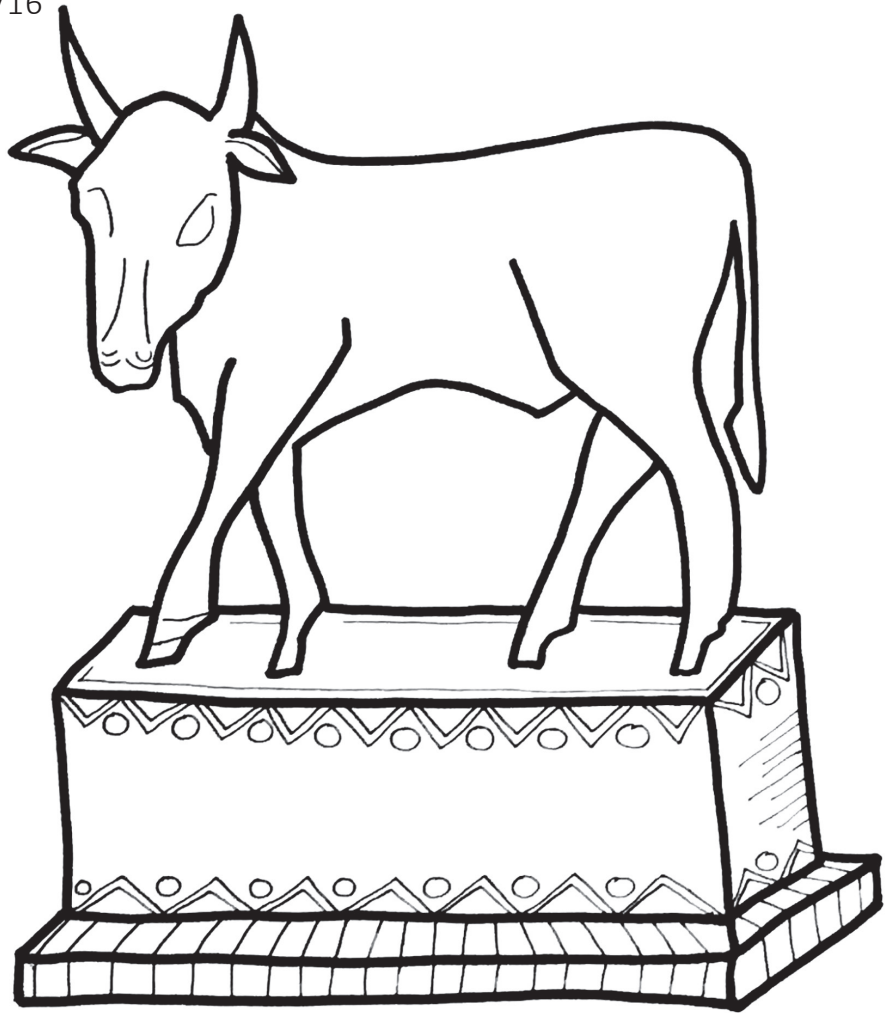


GOLDEN CALF



EXODUS 32:1-14

Moses goes up the mountain, and stays there for a long time. The people grow anxious. Will Moses ever return?

Moses' brother, Aaron, tells the people to gather their gold jewelry, which he melts down and forms into a sculpture of a calf. The people build an altar to the golden calf, making peace offerings, celebrating and feasting.

God is not happy, and threatens to destroy the people. But Moses reminds God about leading them out of Egypt. "Did you do that just so you could destroy them here?" Moses asks. So God relents, and does not destroy them.

TALK ABOUT THIS:

How do you feel about silence? Does it make you uncomfortable or impatient? Do you fill silences with other things like email, texts, or tv? Why? How can we see God through all that noise? Yet how can we stand the silence?

Do we need something tangible in order to believe in a God we cannot see? Is God really more present in any object we can make or purchase? Do we ever build golden calves?



PRESENCE

Does God ever seem silent, or distant?
How can we see God through all the noise in our lives?



WONDER

Why do the Israelites need a tangible thing, a statue, to worship? Are we ever like that? Does God exist only in our sanctuaries, altars, or Bibles? Can we find God everywhere?

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A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day.

READ the Bible story.

TALK about how the story relates to your highs and lows.

PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

BLESS one another.

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