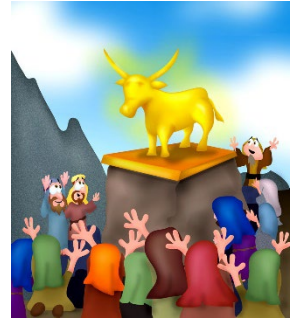




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MOSES AND THE GOLDEN CALF



BASED ON EXODUS 32:1-14

Up and up and up the mountain Moses hiked. Moses had an important job to do. Moses was leading the people to a new and better land, which wasn't always easy. Now Moses wanted to talk with God.

While Moses was on the mountain praying with God, he felt that something was happening with the people. Moses wasn't sure what, but he had a feeling that he needed to be back with them. He was worried about his friends. So Moses started to walk back down the mountain.

Down, down and down hiked Moses. It was a long way down. The path was very steep. Moses had to walk carefully so that he didn't slip. As Moses reached the bottom of the mountain, he could hear the sounds of music. And Moses could see something glittering in the sun. It was a calf made of gold. Moses didn't know what this meant, but he was not happy.

### DANCING PLATES

God cares about what we do and how we express feelings.

You will need a sturdy paper plate, 5 lengths of ribbon.

#### DIRECTIONS:

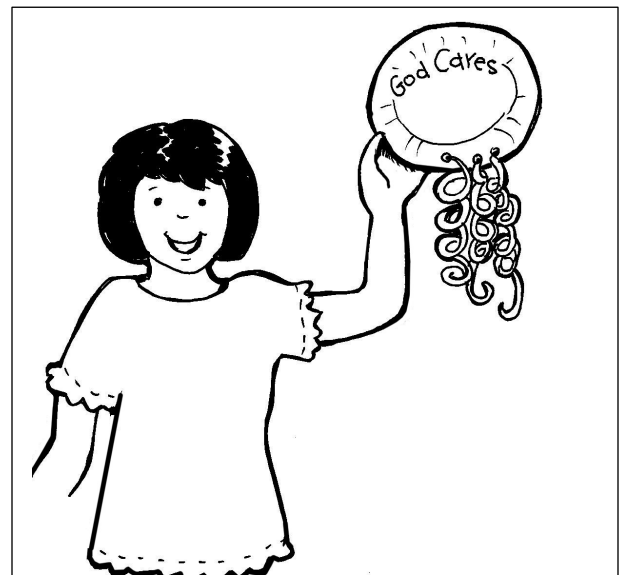
1. Print "God Cares" along the top of your plate
2. Decorate your plate so it's bright and happy
3. Punch holes along the bottom of the plate
4. Thread curling ribbon through the holes.
5. You may like to put bells at the end of the ribbon, so it makes a joyful noise as you shake it.

"What are you doing?" Moses asked his people.

"We were waiting and waiting for you to come back. We also needed to talk with God, but we did not know what God looked like... We decided to make a god. We made this beautiful golden calf."

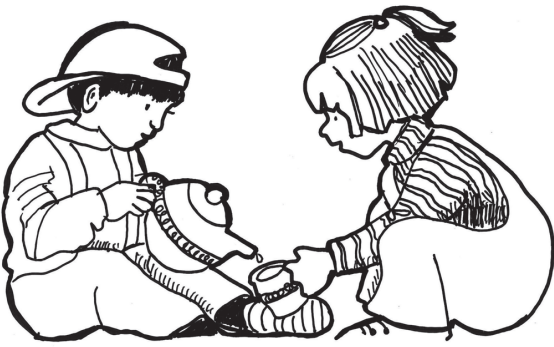
Moses knew that this was not the way to talk with God. He was scared and said to his friends, "Take away this golden calf quickly! This is not God's way. We can pray to God anywhere, at any time. God is always listening. God is interested in everything that makes us worry or fear. God rejoices with us and cries by our sides. God hears it all."

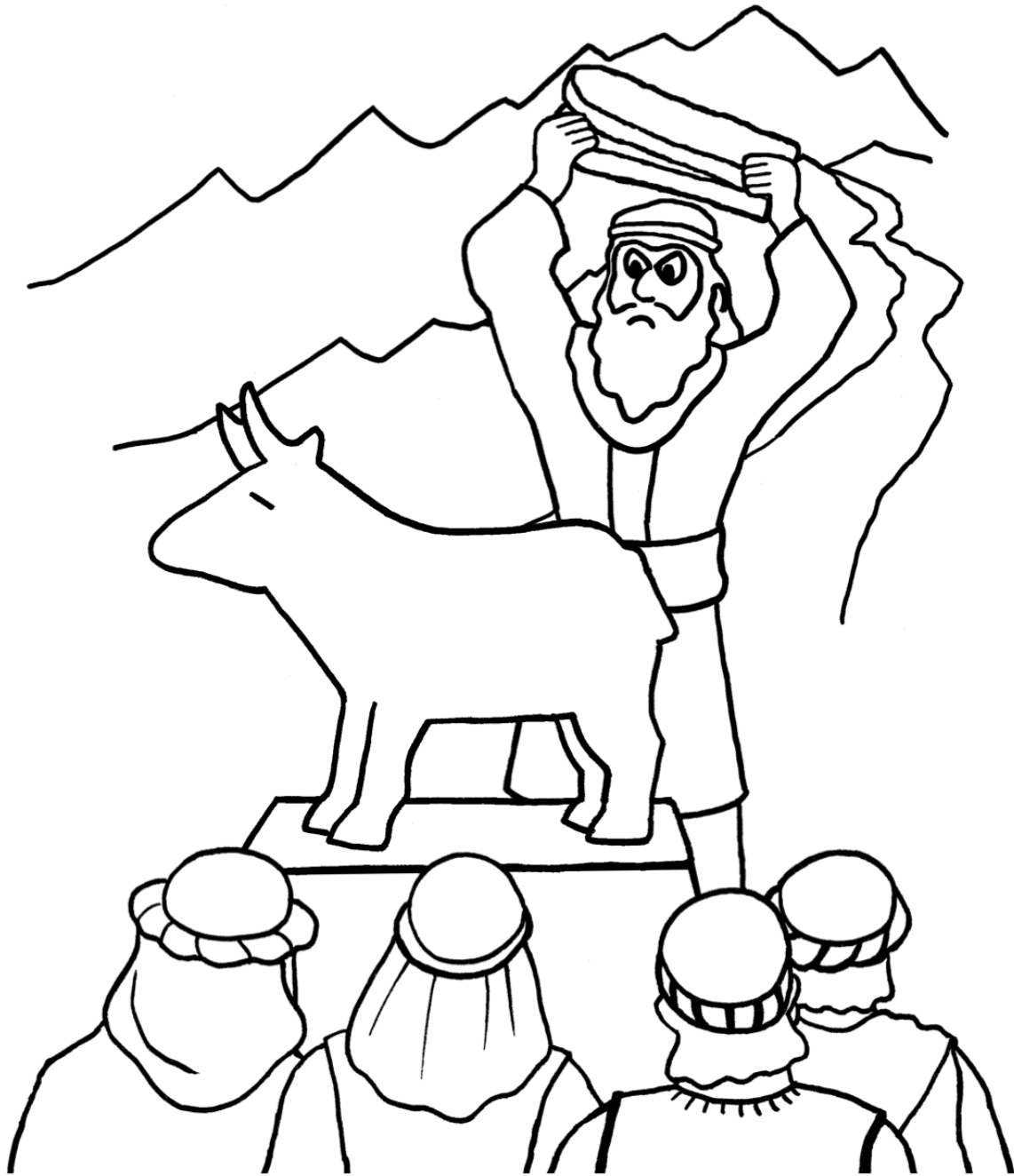
The people felt very sorry for what they had done. They realised that what they did mattered to God. This made Moses happy.



## Exploring Our Faith

God's love goes on and on, and we can show God's love when we... circle some of the things that you do to show God's love,



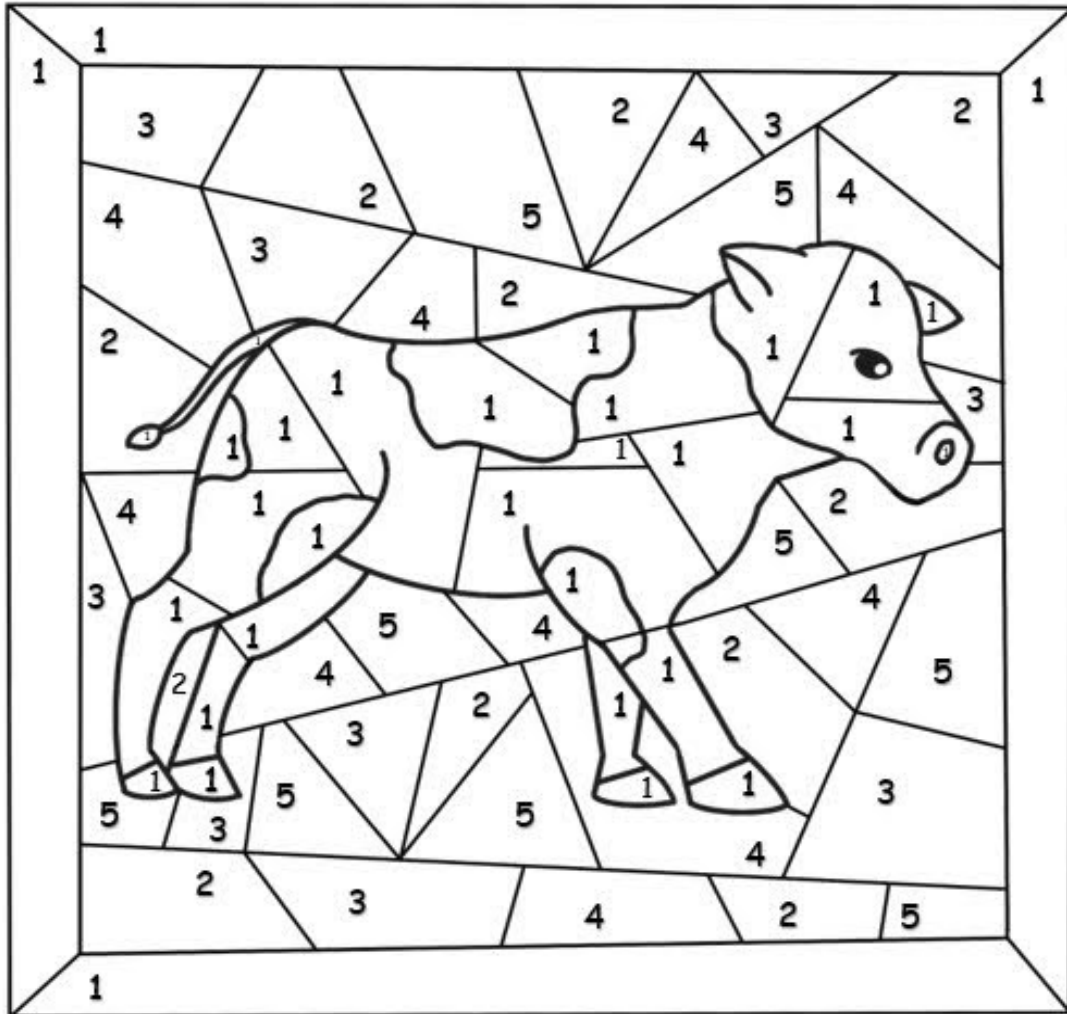


## **Commandments and the Golden Calf**

(Exodus 32:1-24)

Color-By-Number To see The gold calf.

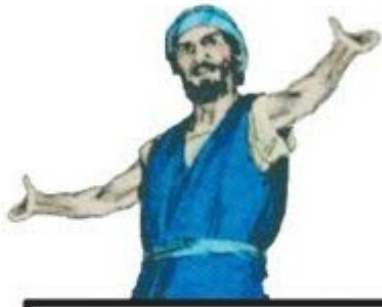
1. yellow 2. blue 3. purple 4. Orange 5. green



Dear God,

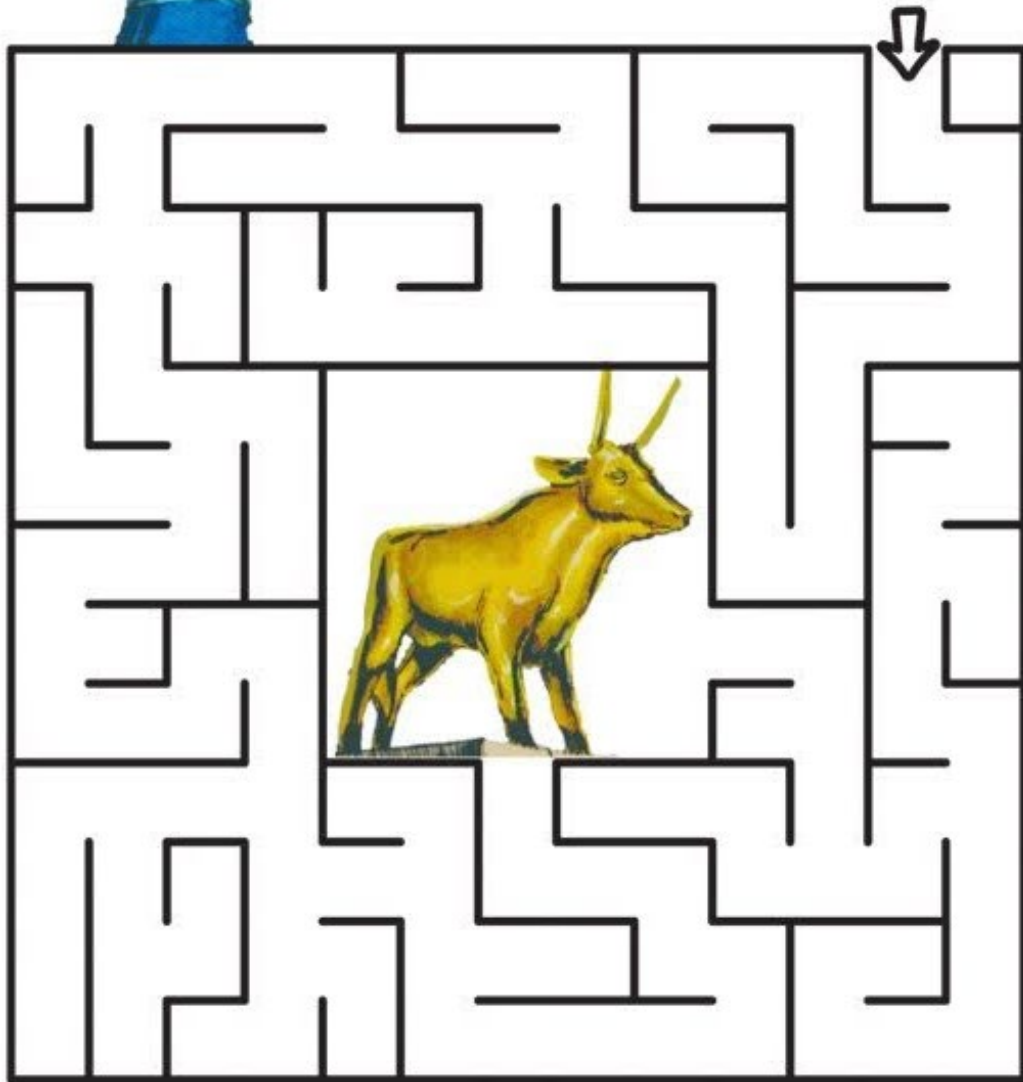
Sometimes I can't wait for You for the good thing to happen so I try and make it happen myself. I'm sorry being impatient and doing my own thing, as I usually get it all wrong. Help me to wait patiently for Your good thing, and not listen to those who want me to act impatiently.

In Jesus name I pray, amen.



## Aaron & the Gold Calf

Exodus 32



Aaron got very impatient waiting for Moses to come down the mountain. We could say Aaron lost his way for a moment because he stopped listening to God's voice. Can you help Aaron to find his way back to God?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB4SEfv6xc>

a lovely chirpy song that's easy to learn