

The Silly Golden Cow

week 1

Props: Make a banner labeled "Moses and Mt. Sinai" and hang up pictures of the golden cow, the 10 commandments, and Moses.

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kid's countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

We're starting a new series today on Moses and Mt Sinai. Does anyone know who Moses is? **(allow kids to raise hands)** Awesome! He is a famous guy in the Old Testament. Can anyone name something Moses was famous for? **(allow kids to answer)** Good job! One of the coolest things Moses was known for was leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt by parting the Red Sea! Who knows that story? **(allow kids to raise their hands)** Cool, huh!

Moses was also known for something else. God chose Moses to give a special gift to the people. In fact, it was so special that Moses had to climb a big, tall mountain to get it. The gift was two stone tablets with the 10 commandments written on them. Who's heard of the 10 Commandments? **(allow kids to raise their hands)** Good. God gave Moses the commandments so the people would know how to live to honor God. Here are two examples: don't lie and don't steal.

This sounds like a great story, but there was a problem, and it's what we're talking about in this lesson. See, the Israelites were hanging around at the bottom of Mt. Sinai waiting for Moses to return with God's gift. They grew impatient because Moses was gone for 40 days! So, they made some bad decisions that made Moses really mad.

We'll talk about that in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song to God.

-SONG- I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: When you make something more important than God, that's just silly. (repeat with kids)

-VIDEO- Moses 1 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What's the name of the mountain Moses climbed? (Mt. Sinai)
- How long was Moses gone? (40 days)
- What did the people make with gold jewelry? (Golden cow)

Great job! You see, the people thought that Moses and God had forgotten them because Moses was gone for so long. So, they decided to create their own god to worship instead. Isn't that silly?? They took everyone's gold jewelry, melted it over a fire and created a cow. A COW! It was just a piece of metal that couldn't do anything for them!

Did you know that we can be just as silly as the Israelites? When we like our toys and stuff more than we like God, it's like we're worshipping our toys! That reminds me of our memory verse, let's stand and say it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "You **(point out)** must not **(arms in X)** have any **(swing arms out)** other god **(hand over heart)** but me **(point up)**." Exodus 20:3 **(Repeat)**

This verse is telling us that there is only one God. Everything else, our favorite toy or video game, can't compare to God. But, when we spend more time with our toys, it's like we're saying we care more about our stuff than God. And, that's just silly. God should always be first in our lives. Now let's stand and sing a song to God!

-SONG- We Shine (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: When you make something more important than God, that's just silly. (Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)