

Hello Everyone;

Be sure and watch the God's Garden Video that is found online and on our website Saturday or Sunday for Sunday viewing. I am happy to be able to be in touch with the children virtually in person each Sunday. Bonny McNally as well as William and Mary Passmore and I are taking turns telling the Children's Talk, showing a craft and singing a song each week with your children. I will continue to send out these emails as well (also found on our web site) so the kids can do even more activities each Sunday. Let me know if you know of any other children anywhere who would like to participate.

This week we find the Israelites still without a strong faith in God and his love for them. The story begins with Moses going up to the top of Mt. Arafat to visit with God and to get instructions from Him and bring the 10 Commandments back down. Moses took a very long time visiting with God. So long, in fact, that the Israelites started to believe that he was never coming back down, They worried.... without Moses and his God, who was going to lead them to the promised land??? Should they start looking for another god? Enjoy the following activities with your kids and make it a real family time with God our Father.

Wishing you all a Blessed Thanksgiving

God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. Amen

Oh the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need, the sun, the rain and the appleseed. Oh the Lord is good to me. Johnny Appleseed -- Amen

Bless this food which now we take to do us good for Jesus Sake. Amen

Go around your dinner table and ask each loved one to talk about something they are thankful for.

Cheers

Merilee Clarke

The Golden Calf

You will need a statue and a nickel.

Who can tell me what this is? (Give time for answers.) That's right, it's a statue. How many of you have statues in your home? Have you ever seen any statues in parks around the city? There is a Statue of a Moose that is the largest moose statue in the world in Moosenee Ontario. There is a statue of a nickel (5 cent piece) in Sudbury, where the nickel mines are, that is about as tall as this church. You might have seen a statue of a very large apple if you drive to Toronto.

Statues are fine unless they become something that we worship or treat as more important than God. When we do that, the statue becomes an idol that replaces our God.

That is what our Bible lesson is about this morning. Moses was up on a mountain called Mt. Sinai. I am sure that you remember that God had told Moses to go up on the mountain so that God could give him the Ten Commandments for the people to follow.

Now Moses stayed up on the mountain longer than the people thought he should. They went to Aaron, Moses' brother, and said to him, "We want you to create a god who will go before us so that we will know which way to go. As for this fellow, Moses, who brought us out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings you are wearing and all the gold you have, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took all the gold they had given to him and made it into an idol in the shape of a calf. The people were very happy with the idol that had been made for them.

When Aaron saw how happy the people were, he built an altar for the calf. He said, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord and you are to rise up early and make a sacrifice of burnt offerings before the calf."

When God saw what the people were doing, He became very angry and told Moses that He was going to destroy the people because of their unfaithfulness. But Moses begged the Lord to remember the promise that He had made to Abraham, Isaac, and the children of Israel. Moses convinced the Lord and He changed His mind and did not do what He said He might do—He did not destroy them.

What can we learn from this? We sometimes put other things before God. It may not be an idol made of gold in the shape of a calf, but it may be things like money, friends, or sports. Anything we put ahead of our love for God becomes an idol and that is a big mistake.

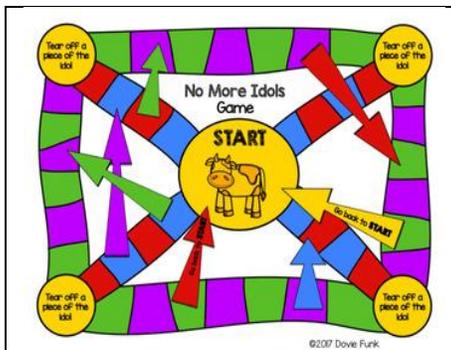
Today is Thanksgiving. Often we make the turkey the centre of our celebrations but remember that Thanksgiving is really all about giving thanks to God for all the good things He has given us.

Dear God, let us always remember that You created us and the world we live in. You must always have first place in our life. In Jesus' name, amen.





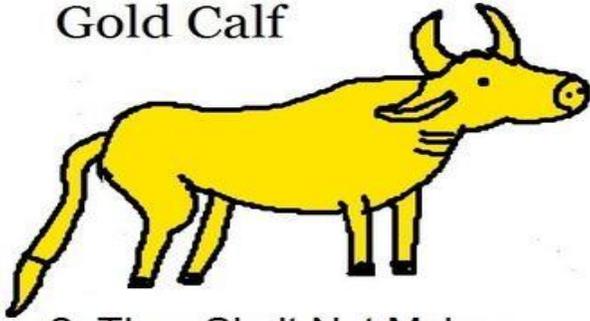
See the last page for items needed for the game then watch the Video for God's Garden for details. See our web site.



No More Idols Game Directions;

1. Start in the middle circle. Roll the dice. Move your marker in a clockwise direction (younger kids can go in either direction)
2. When you land on a corner circle, tear your calf idol from one corner to the centre of the picture. You will need to go to a corner circle four times to completely tear the idol into four pieces.
3. The first one to tear up the idol and go back to the center circle wins.
4. Following the arrows will either help or hinder your goal.

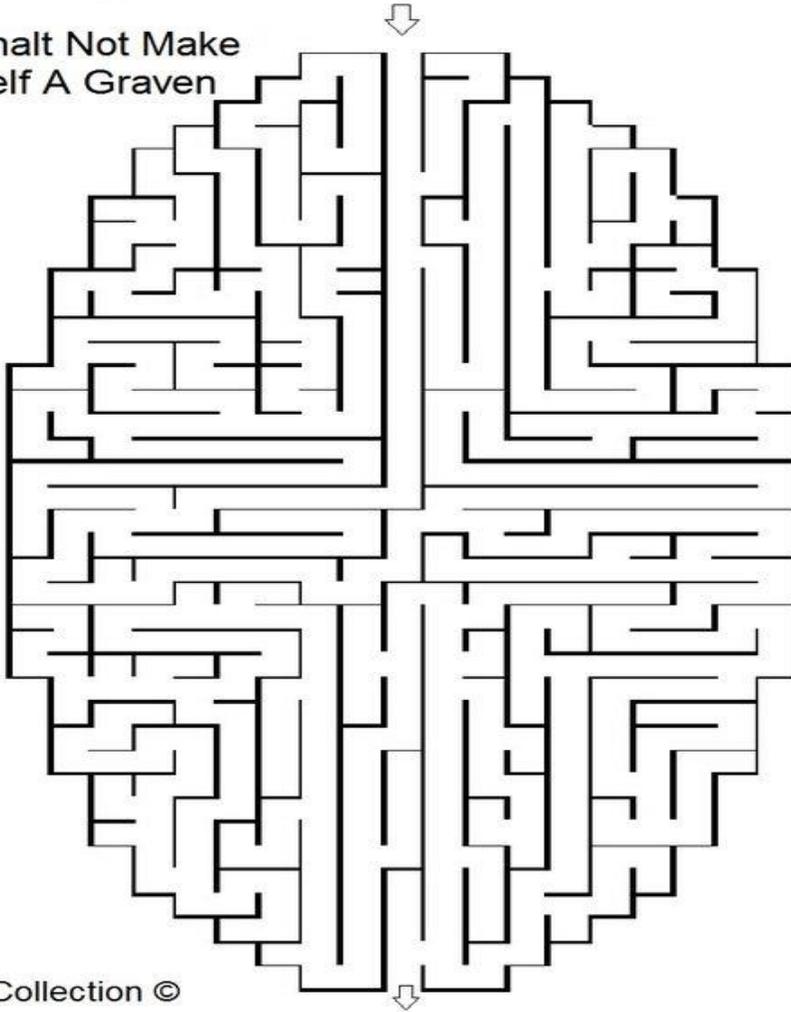
Gold Calf



Name: _____

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

2. Thou Shalt Not Make For Yourself A Graven Image



The Golden Calf So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Exodus 32:3-4a

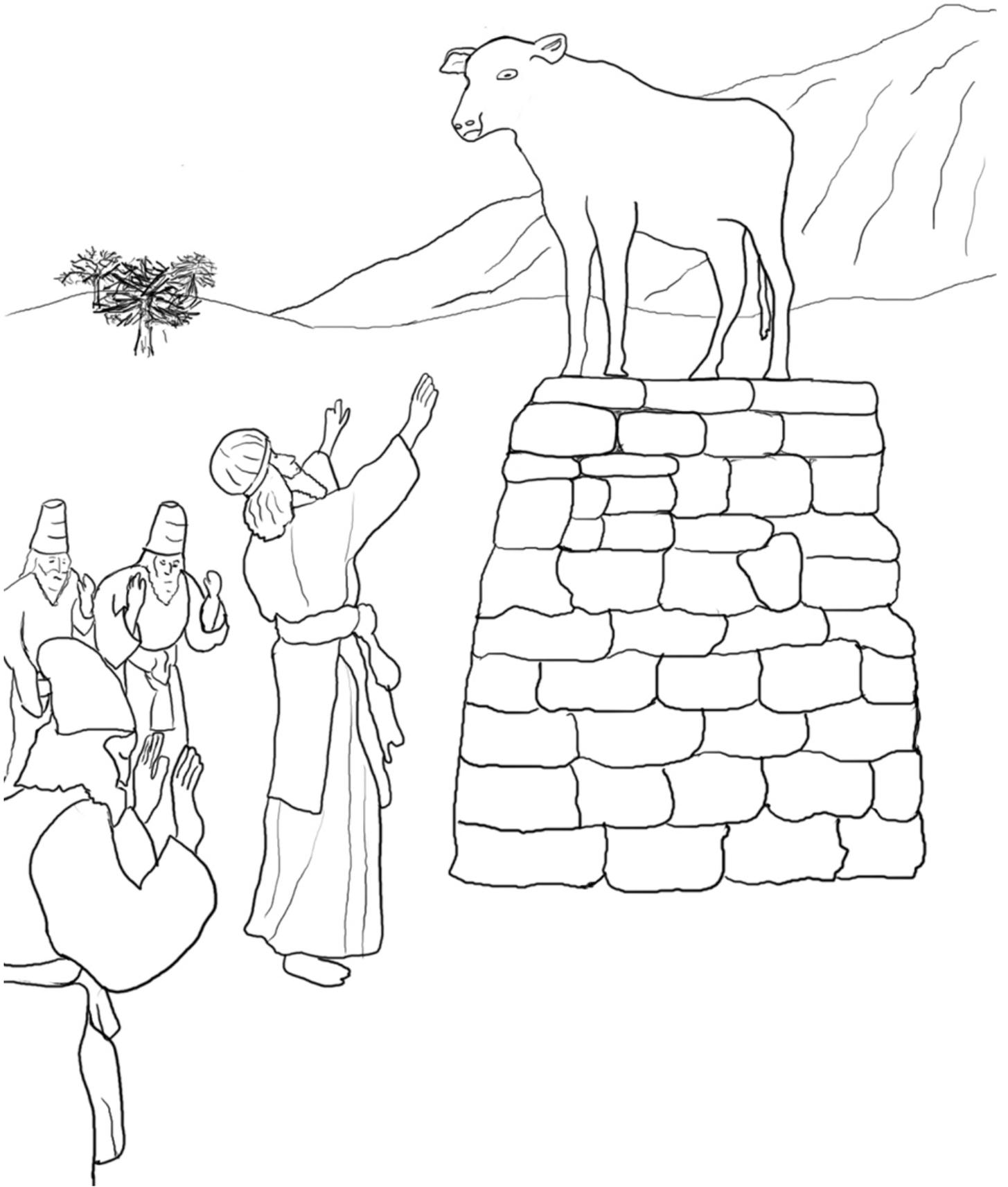
(NIV) Complete the activity below.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top correspond to the numbers on the bottom). Write the correct word in the box provided.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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14-24-3-12-9	1-7-9-24-5
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14-15-5-14-9	3-10-15-21-12-24
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14-14-9-10-24	18-21-10-15

WORSHIP MOSES OFFERING EARRINGS IDOL AARON
 ALTAR CALF ANGER REPENT BURNT GOLDEN



The Golden Calf Multiple Choice;

So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Exodus 32:3-4a (NIV)

Complete the activity below. Choose the word that best fits the definition. Write the letter of that word in the space before the sentence.

_____ The brother of Moses. A. CALF B. EARRINGS C. AARON D. GOLD

_____ A valuable yellowish colored metal that is used to make jewelry. A. GOLD B. AARON C. ALTAR D. WORSHIP

_____ A raised platform on which offerings to God are made. A. MOSES B. IDOL C. MOSES D. ALTAR

_____ A statue that is worshipped as a god. A. WORSHIP B. IDOL C. AARON D. ALTAR

_____ A young cow. A. EARRINGS B. CALF C. IDOL D. GOLD

_____ Ornaments, often made of gold, worn hanging from the ear. A. MOSES B. WORSHIP C. EARRINGS D. AARON

_____ The prophet of God who led the Hebrew people out of Egypt. A. CALF B. GOLD C. MOSES D. IDOL

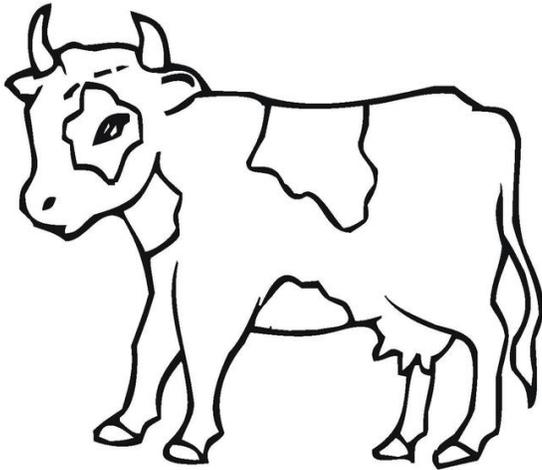
_____ To bow down in adoration. A. EARRINGS B. ALTAR C. WORSHIP D. IDOL

This week's craft is shown on the God's Garden Video!!

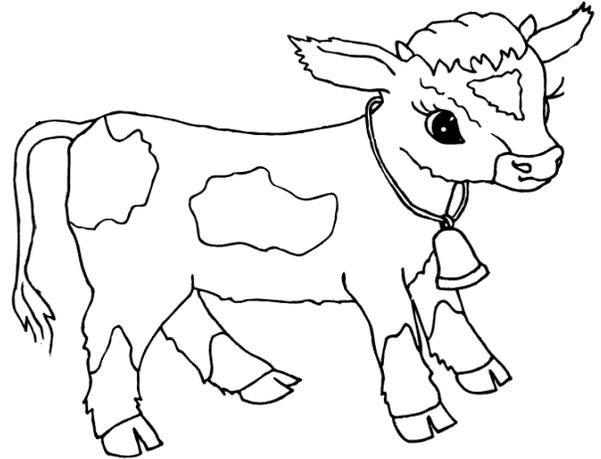
This weeks craft is a Board Game that requires; Bristol board, markers, & scissors, construction paper, four markers or coins and dice.

These calves are required for the game. Cut them out, colour them yellow then get ready for fun!

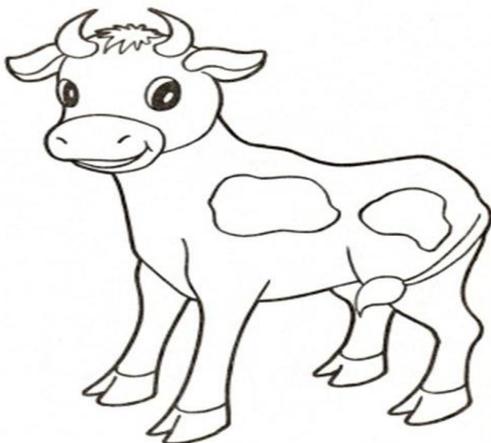
Calf



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