

Lesson 1

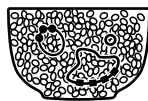
The Golden Calf
Exodus 31:18-32:25

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

God Is Our Treasure

Hide rings, bracelets, and necklaces in a tub of rice for children to find. Say, **There are some rings and necklaces hidden in the rice. In the Bible story today, God's people gave their gold jewelry to Aaron. They wanted him to use it to make something called an idol. But God wants us to love and worship only Him!**



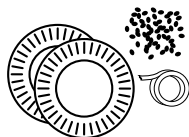
Stand Up for God

Say, **God wants us to put Him first. If what I say is a way to put God first, stand up. If it doesn't put God first, sit down.** Give examples: We are happy to learn about Jesus. (*Stand.*) We go to the zoo instead of church. (*Sit.*) We pray for God's help. (*Stand.*) We use God's name in a bad way. (*Sit.*) We sing in the church choir. (*Stand.*) We want to do what God says in His Word. (*Stand.*)



Shakers for Praising

Give each child two paper plates or plastic eggs, dried beans or rice, and markers and stickers to make shakers to praise God. Partially fill plates or eggs and tape edges of plates or seam of eggs. Talk about how the people sinned and worshiped the calf, but we want to worship the true God. Then, do so!



Triune God

Say, **The Bible says the true God is our triune God. Triune means "three."** Draw a triangle. **There is one triangle, but it has three sides. God is one God, but He is three persons: God the Father (point to side one), God the Son (point to side two), and God the Holy Spirit (point to side three). We begin church in the name of God the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Where else do you hear God's name? (Baptism, some hymns, prayers)**

