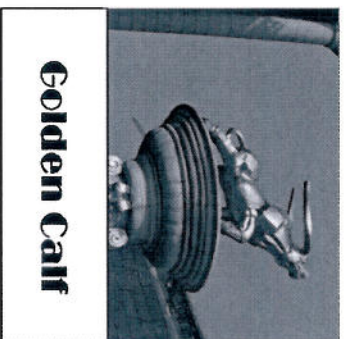


God's Story™ Our Story

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Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Your patience, O God, is never ending and your wrath quick to subside. Teach us to cast aside all that is false and turn to you alone, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

“Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. Exodus 32:13-14

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Impatient people sometimes make very foolish choices. In an absurd response to Moses' delay, the Israelites are persuaded to melt down their jewelry and form a golden calf to worship. Hmmm...what might God think of that?

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

God is passionate, pliable, and loving.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the readings, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Golden Calf*, Exodus 32:1-14

Monday: *God Calls Joshua*, Joshua 1:1-11

Tuesday: *Rahab Helps God's People*, Joshua 2:1-24, 6:1-27

Wednesday: *Deborah Helps Barak*, Judges 4:4-10

Thursday: *Gideon Tests God*, Judges 6:36-7:23

Friday: *Samson and Delilah*, Judges 16:1-31

Saturday: *Ruth and Naomi*, Ruth 1:1-22

How did the people move from the wilderness to the promised land?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with “Highs” and “Lows.”

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How does a peaceful crowd become a rebellious riot? How can we lead groups of people to behave faithfully and peacefully?

What kinds of things take God's place in your life? How can you rid yourself of false idols and follow only God?

DO: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Attend a peaceful protest for something you feel strongly about. Work hard to keep the protest peaceful. Reflect afterwards on how the event affected you and the people around you.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God love you with passion and forgiveness. Amen.