In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 21
The Golden Calf and the Renewal of the Covenant

Themes:
- God made a binding agreement with Israel.
- Man is a sinner—Israel was quick to break God's covenant.
- God is right to punish those who break His commands.
- God is merciful and faithful.
- God renewed His covenant with Israel.

Scripture:
Portions of Exodus 31-34

Memory Verse:
John 1:1-2

Today's Clue:
No clue

Home and Heart:
Talk about something foolish you did as a child. Why did it seem good to do at the time? What were the consequences? Could these be easily fixed? Read the events of Exodus 32. What was so foolish about what Israel did? Why were they unable to fix the consequences? How do you think they felt when Moses came down and smashed the tablets? How do you think they felt as they drank the golden water? How do you think they felt when the Levites were going through the camp killing men at God's command? Why was God's response so fierce? What was God saying about Who He is and how His people should respond to Him?

Read Exodus 34:6. Why were these words from God so important to Israel? Can you recall examples of God's mercy, patience, love, and faithfulness toward Israel? Did God renew the covenant because Israel *deserved* to be God's people? What word do we use to describe God's kindness to undeserving sinners? [Mercy.] Does this still describe God today? How have you experienced God's mercy? His patience? His love?

Imagine your daddy came home from work one day with a wonderful gift for you: a new [computer] of your very own! Immediately, you started to brag to [your siblings] saying, *"Ha, ha! See, Daddy likes me best! You'd better never touch MY [computer]. I'm not sharing it with anyone!"* Then, you watch with amazement as your daddy takes the [computer] and returns it to the store. If this happened, would you have a sudden change in attitude? Why? Would you still feel like bragging? What <u>should</u> you feel? Why might your daddy do this? Read and discuss Exodus 34:6 and Romans 2:4-5. What is repentance? Why is it important?



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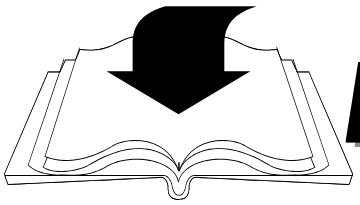

EXODUS

This week read the passages listed below. To the right of each passage are two sentences telling about something that happened in each passage. The missing words are written in code. Decode the letters. The correct words will be found in the Bible passages.

Monday

Exodus 32:1-14

Israel ▷↕△▽↑↓▲▲⇨⇦ the golden calf. _____

God's ▷△⇨◀↑ burned against Israel. _____

Tuesday

Exodus 32:15-35

Moses ground the calf into ▲↕▷⇦⇨△. _____

The LORD sent a ▲↙⇨→▶⇨ on the people. _____

Wednesday

Exodus 33:1-11

Israel took their ↕△↔⇨↘⇨↔◀▽ off. _____

The LORD spoke to Moses as a ←△↓⇨↔⇦. _____

Thursday

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses asked to see God's →↙↕△◢. _____

Moses found ←⇨◁↕△ in God's sight. _____

Friday

Exodus 34:1-28

The LORD is ↘⇨△⇨↓←▶↙. _____

The LORD is a ↖⇨⇨↙↕▶▽ God. _____

Saturday

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face was ▽↑↓↔↓↔→. _____

Moses put a ◁⇨↓↙ over his face. _____

a = ⇨	e = ⇨	i = ↓	m = ↘	q = ▼	u = ▶
b = ⇦	f = ←	J = ↖	n = ↔	r = △	v = ◁
c = ⇨	g = →	k = ↗	o = ↕	s = ▽	w = ▷
d = ⇦	h = ↑	l = ↙	p = ▲	t = ◀	y = ◢