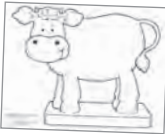




# The Israelites Worship a Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-25

Children develop images of who God is and how to relate to him through their interaction with their parents. For example, when a parent lovingly provides for the child’s needs, that child also begins to understand that God—the Heavenly Father—is a loving provider as well. Likewise, children know that both parents are very special people. By building on the concept of a parent as a very special person, a teacher can also help an infant or toddler come to realize how special God is—building a foundation for faith and blessing a young life.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Only God</b> Experience what happened with the golden calf.	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Golden Calf” teaching picture, “Yellow Dot” stickers 	Make 1 copy per infant of the “Golden Calf” teaching picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Number-One Star</b> Use motions to show how God is special.		
	<b>Who Can Worship God?</b> Play a game about worshipping God.	cloth diaper or small blanket	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

*Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.*



**Bible Point**  
Worship only God.

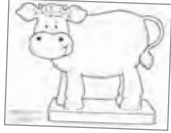
**Key Verse**  
“You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will recognize how special God is.





## TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Worship Only God</b> Use stickers to decorate a golden calf; then destroy it.	Bible, small trash can, pen <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Golden Calf” teaching picture, “Yellow Dot” stickers 	Make 1 copy per child of the “Golden Calf” teaching picture.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>God Is Our Star</b> Decorate a star to remember we worship God.	1 yellow crayon per child, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Star” handout (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>God-Is-Very-Special Song</b> Sing a song about our special God.		
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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The “Growing With Jesus” page at the end of each lesson includes an in-class craft or activity on one side and a take-home page for parents on the other side. We want to ensure all the information on the parent pages is retained, so we’ve made some adjustments to activities that require cutting. These pages may require a little assembly for parents to use at home, and we’ve included envelopes in the supply lists to keep each child’s pieces together.





**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Worship No Other Gods</b> Experience what happened with the golden calf.	scissors, sheet of yellow construction paper <b>Teacher Pack:</b> “Golden Calf” teaching picture, “Yellow Dot” stickers 	Cut a large star shape out of yellow construction paper. Place it out of sight before you tell what happened with the golden calf.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>God Is Very Important</b> Decorate a star to show that God is very special.	glue, yellow glitter, small shallow containers, 1 paintbrush per child, newspaper, pen, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Star” handout (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Spread out newspaper on a table for kids to work on. Pour a small amount of glue into the shallow containers.
	<b>Worship God and Only God</b> Hear an action rhyme to re-enact what happened.		
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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The “Growing With Jesus” page at the end of each lesson includes an in-class craft or activity on one side and a take-home page for parents on the other side. We want to ensure all the information on the parent pages is retained, so we’ve made some adjustments to activities that require cutting. These pages may require a little assembly for parents to use at home, and we’ve included envelopes in the supply lists to keep each child’s pieces together.







**INFANT**

**1**

**GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do

Sing or listen to “Worship the Lord” (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of “Skidamarink” anytime during the lesson. Hold an infant on your lap as you sing. Place your hands on the baby’s hands to help him or her with the motions.



**Worship the one and only God.** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug baby*)

**Worship the one and only God.** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug baby*)

**God loves you in the morning and later in the day.** (*hold hands above head, and lean toward the left; then move hands directly above head on “later in the day”*)

**God loves you in the nighttime, and hear the Bible say,** (*with hands above head, lean toward the right; then cup hands around ears*)

**“Oh, worship the one and only God.”** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*put hands together in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug baby*)

(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

Sing “God Is Special” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Frère Jacques” anytime during the lesson. Sing it softly to soothe a crying baby or to rock a baby to sleep.



**God is special. God is special.**

**He’s number one! Number one!**

**God is very special. God is very special.**

**My only one! My only one!**

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

**Teacher Pack**

CD: “Worship the Lord”  
(track 8)





### Only God Supplies

#### Teacher Pack

“Golden Calf” teaching picture  
“Yellow Dot” stickers

### Only God Easy Prep

Make 1 copy per infant of the “Golden Calf” teaching picture.

### Who Can Worship God? Supplies

cloth diaper or small blanket

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Only God

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold up a yellow dot sticker from the sticker sheet for a baby to see. Help baby feel the sticky back and smooth front of the sticker. Guide baby in putting the sticker on the calf in the teaching picture.

Say: **In the Bible, the Israelites made a golden calf. The people liked the golden calf and thought it was special. But God said, “No golden idols!” Moses crushed the calf and threw it away.** Show baby how to crumple the paper. Then let him or her crumple it. **Moses got rid of the calf because nothing else is special like God. God is the only God. We should ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Number-One Star

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

While holding an infant on your lap, help him or her with the motions for this action rhyme.

**God is very special.** (*hold baby's hands high above his or her head*)

**He's our number-one star.** (*clap baby's hands together once for each word*)

**God wants us to worship him** (*hold baby's hands together in prayer, and sway baby's body back and forth*)

**Wherever we are.** (*clap baby's hands together once for each word*)

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

### Who Can Worship God?

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit on the floor next to an infant. Place a cloth diaper or small blanket over your hands folded for prayer.

Say: [Teacher's name] **worships God. Let's look!** Encourage baby to pull the diaper off



to show your hands. When baby pulls off the diaper, exclaim: [Teacher's name] **worships God!** Repeat the game once more. If the baby seems to have caught on to the game, place the diaper over baby's hands.

Say: **Who can worship God?** Pull the diaper off baby's hands, and exclaim: [Baby's name] **can worship God! God is special. We ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Worship the Lord" (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of "Skidamarink" anytime during the lesson. Sing it while seated on the floor next to a toddler. Sing the song through several times, and encourage the child to join in the motions with you.

**Worship the one and only God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug child*)

**Worship the one and only God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug child*)

**God loves you in the morning and later in the day.** (*form circle with hands, and hold hands above head while leaning toward the left; then move hands directly above your head on "later in the day"*)

**God loves you in the nighttime, and hear the Bible say,** (*with hands in a circle above your head, lean toward the right; then cup hands around ears*)

**"Oh, worship the one and only God."** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)

**God loves you.** (*point up, and hug child*)

(Repeat.)



### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Worship the Lord" (track 8)





### Worship Only God Supplies

Bible  
small trash can  
pen  
**Teacher Pack**  
“Golden Calf” teaching picture  
“Yellow Dot” stickers

### Worship Only God Easy Prep

Make 1 copy per child of the “Golden Calf” teaching picture.

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

Sing “God Is Special” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Frère Jacques” anytime during the lesson. Sing it to soothe a crying toddler or to calm excited children just before the Bible Exploration time.

🎵 **God is special. God is special.  
He’s number one! Number one!  
God is very special. God is very special.  
My only one! My only one!**

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Worship Only God

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sit on the floor with a couple of toddlers. Open your Bible to Exodus 32:1-25, and show children the words. Tell them the Bible is God’s special book.

Say: **In the Bible, the Israelites made a golden calf.** Hold up a yellow dot sticker from the sticker sheet. **This is yellow, like gold.** Give each child a copy of the golden calf picture. Help each toddler put a yellow dot sticker on the calf. **The people liked the calf and thought it was special. Moses was very angry with the people for making the golden calf. He told the people that the calf was not special like God. He took the calf from the people. He tore it into pieces.** Guide each child in tearing a piece from his or her copy of the golden calf picture and throwing the torn piece into a trash can. Set aside each child’s picture with his or her name on it to take home.

Say: **Moses said, “No more gold calves! Only God is special. He’s the only one you should worship. God is number one! ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD!”** Have children point upward and repeat the words after you.





### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## God Is Our Star

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather toddlers together. Say: **The Israelites made a golden calf, which made Moses very angry. Moses knew that they should ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD. These star shapes can help us remember that God is special and he wants us to worship him.**

Give each child a "Star" handout. Encourage toddlers to color or scribble with yellow crayons on the stars.

When children are finished, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

## God-Is-Very-Special Song

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Lead toddlers in singing "God Is Very Special" (not on the CD) to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot." Encourage children to do the actions in parentheses with you.

- 🎵 **God is very special,** (*while standing, hold arms above head and wiggle hands*)
- Let's whisper and shout.** (*sway back and forth*)
- God is very special,** (*squat down, and whisper this line*)
- Shout it out!** (*jump up, and shout this line*)
- God wants me to worship every day.** (*fold hands in prayer, and sway back and forth*)
- I will worship him always.** (*hold arms above head, and wiggle hands*)

Afterward, say: **We ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### God Is Our Star Supplies

- 1 yellow crayon per child
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Star" handout (at the end of the lesson)

### God Is Our Star Easy Prep

- Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)





### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

#### Teacher Pack

CD: "Worship the Lord"  
(track 8)

## 2-YEAR-OLD

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Worship the Lord" (track 8 on the CD) to the tune of "Skidamarink" anytime during the lesson. Sing it with two or three 2-year-olds, encouraging them to join in on the words and motions with you.

- 🎵 **Worship the one and only God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - God loves you.** (*point up; then give yourself a hug*)
  - Worship the one and only God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - God loves you.** (*point up; then give yourself a hug*)
  - God loves you in the morning and later in the day.** (*form circle with hands, and hold hands above head while leaning toward the left; then move hands directly above your head on "later in the day"*)
  - God loves you in the nighttime, and hear the Bible say,** (*with hands in a circle above your head, lean toward the right; then cup hands around ears*)
  - "Oh, worship the one and only God."** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - Worship the Lord your God.** (*fold hands in prayer, and rock back and forth*)
  - God loves you.** (*point up; then give yourself a hug*)
- (Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

Sing "God Is Special" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Frère Jacques" anytime during the lesson. Teach the song by singing the first line and having children echo the words back to you.

- 🎵 **God is special. God is special.**
- He's number one! Number one!**
- God is very special. God is very special.**
- My only one! My only one!**

Afterward, say: ► **WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**



**2** BIBLE  
EXPLORATION

## Worship No Other Gods

### What You'll Do

Say: **The Israelites decided to make a statue to worship. The people collected their gold and made a giant calf. Let's use these yellow stickers to make our calf look like their golden calf.** Give each child a yellow dot sticker from the sticker sheet to put on the calf. Demonstrate how to put the dots inside the outline of the calf on the teaching picture. Let children continue to work as you speak.

Say: **The people thought their golden calf was special. They prayed to the calf. They worshipped the calf. They pretended their calf was God! But God wasn't happy with the people. God wanted the people to worship only him. So Moses took away the calf and got rid of it.** Take the calf picture from the children, and put it away out of sight. **Moses said, "God is very special. He wants us to worship only him."**

**There were lots of people listening to Moses. Moses wanted to make sure everyone heard what he said. Let's help Moses pass this important message to everyone.** Hold up the star. **This star shape can help us remember that God is special and he wants us to worship him.** Give one child the star. Say: **God is special. ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.** Then have that child hand the star to another child and repeat the words you just said. Help the child if he or she forgets some of the words, or say the words with pre-verbal twos. Make sure each child has a turn receiving the star and passing the star to someone else.

Say: **Now you know the message Moses wanted all God's people to know: God is special. We ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**



### Worship No Other Gods Supplies

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scissors  
sheet of yellow construction paper

#### Teacher Pack

"Golden Calf" teaching picture  
"Yellow Dot" stickers

### Worship No Other Gods Easy Prep

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Cut a large star shape out of yellow construction paper. Place it out of sight before you tell what happened with the golden calf.





### God Is Very Important Supplies

glue  
yellow glitter  
small shallow containers  
1 paintbrush per child  
newspaper  
pen  
My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Star” handout (at the end of the lesson)

### God Is Very Important Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 6 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Spread out newspaper on a table for kids to work on. Pour a small amount of glue into the shallow containers.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### God Is Very Important

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather twos together. Say: **The Israelites made a golden calf, which made Moses very angry. Moses knew that they should ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD. These star shapes can help us remember that God is special and he wants us to worship him. Let’s decorate our stars to remind us to worship God.** Give each child a “Star” handout. Encourage 2-year-olds to dip a paintbrush into the glue and “paint” glue onto the star. Then let them shake glitter onto the glue. Help children shake off the excess glitter. As twos decorate, say: **We ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**

Write children’s names on their stars. Let children take their stars home as decorations.

### Worship God and Only God

#### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have children re-enact what happened with the golden calf by participating in this action rhyme. As you say the words, lead children in acting out the motions.

Say: **The people of Israel, though brave and bold, forgot to worship God as they were told.** (*shrug shoulders*)

**They made a calf from bright yellow gold.** (*pretend to hammer by pounding fists together*)

**Then they worshipped this calf, this calf made of gold.** (*bow at the waist*)

**Moses said, “No, this is not right. Take that golden calf out of my sight!”** (*look away*)

**God wants us to worship him, and that’s what we’ll do.** (*point up; then kneel*)

**God is the only God; the Bible says it’s true.** (*nod your head*)

Afterward, say: **We ► WORSHIP ONLY GOD.**



## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Growing With Jesus”  
page (at the end of the  
lesson)



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# Growing With Jesus



## Concrete Representations

Young children often develop a fascination with men with beards or a special attachment to a picture of Jesus as they try to figure out who God is. They simply need a concrete representation of the one we talk so much about. Pictures help children understand that God is real in the same way that photographs help them keep in touch with distant relatives. If your child doesn't have a picture of Jesus, consider hanging one in his or her room.

Your child learned to worship only God (from Exodus 32:1-25). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Who Can Worship God?

Sit on the floor next to your infant. Place a cloth diaper or small blanket over your hands folded for prayer.

Say: [Your name] **worships God. Let's look!** Encourage your baby to pull the diaper off to show your hands. When your baby pulls off the diaper, exclaim: [Your name] **worships God!** Repeat the game once more. If your baby seems to have caught on to the game, place the diaper over your baby's hands.

Ask: **Who can worship God?** Pull the diaper off your baby's hands, and exclaim: [Baby's name] **can worship God! God is special. We worship only God.**



#### Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Point out to your child that one thing that makes God special is that he created everything. Take a walk outside, and talk about what you see that God created.
- Go on a treasure hunt for star shapes. Say this rhyme together whenever you find one:  
**God is very special; God is the real star.  
God wants us to worship him, wherever we are.**

### TODDLER

#### God-Is-Very-Special Song

Sing "God Is Very Special" to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot" with your toddler. Lead him or her in the actions in parentheses.

**God is very special,**  
*(while standing, hold arms above head and wiggle hands)*  
**Let's whisper and shout.**  
*(sway back and forth)*  
**God is very special,**  
*(squat down, and whisper this line)*  
**Shout it out!** *(jump up, and shout this line)*  
**God wants me to worship every day.** *(fold hands in prayer, and sway back and forth)*  
**I will worship him always.** *(hold arms above head and wiggle hands)*

Afterward, say: **We worship only God.**

### 2-YEAR-OLD

#### Worship God and Only God

Say this action rhyme and lead your child in acting out the motions.

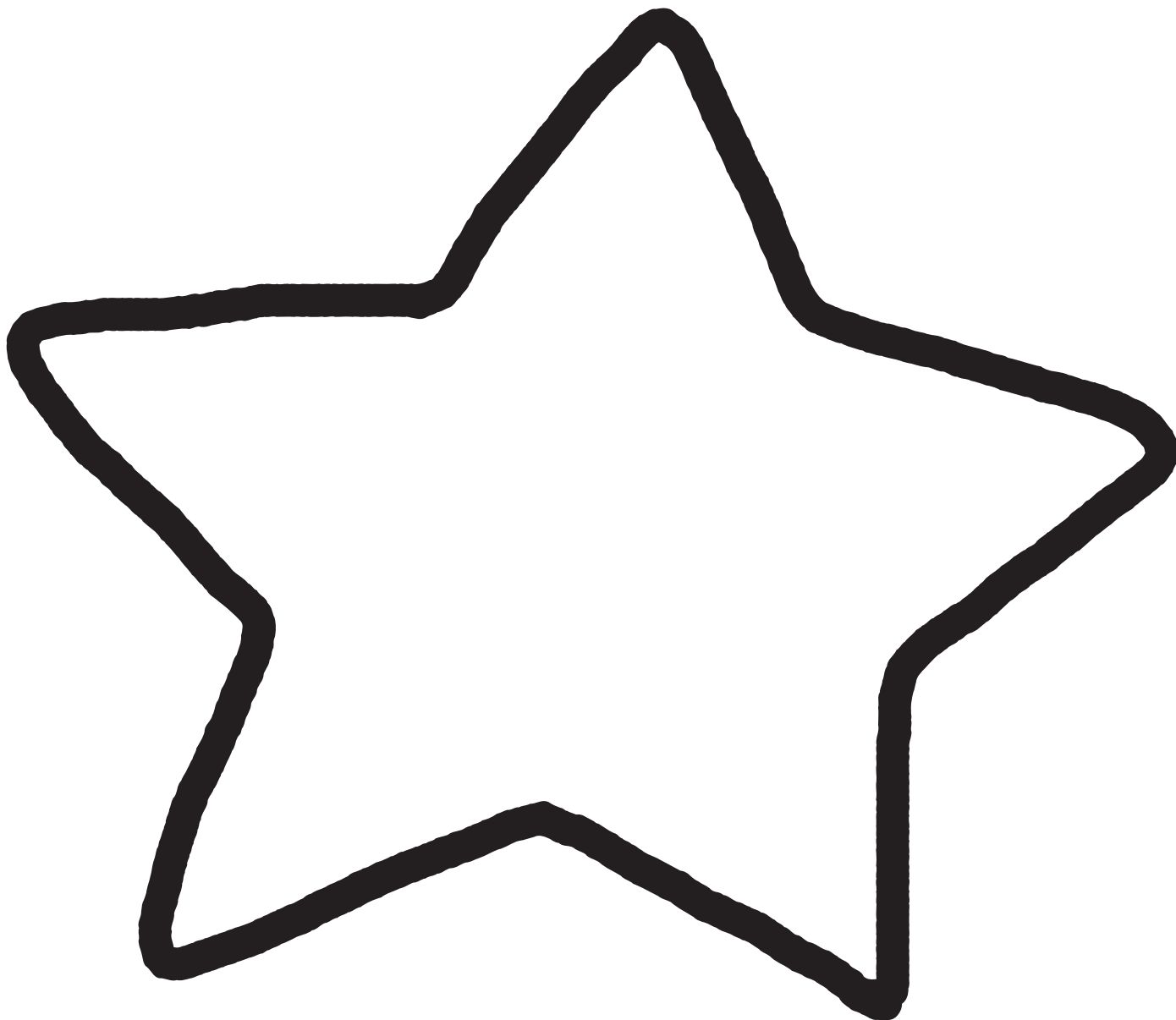
Say: **The people of Israel, brave and bold, forgot to worship God as they were told.** *(shrug shoulders)*  
**They made a calf from bright yellow gold.** *(pretend to hammer by pounding fists together)*  
**Then they worshipped this calf, this calf made of gold.** *(bow at the waist)*  
**Moses said, "No, this is not right. Take that calf out of my sight!"** *(look away)*  
**God wants us to worship him, and that's what we'll do.** *(point up; then kneel)*  
**God is the only God; the Bible says it's true.** *(nod your head)*

Afterward, say: **Worship only God.**

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# Star



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