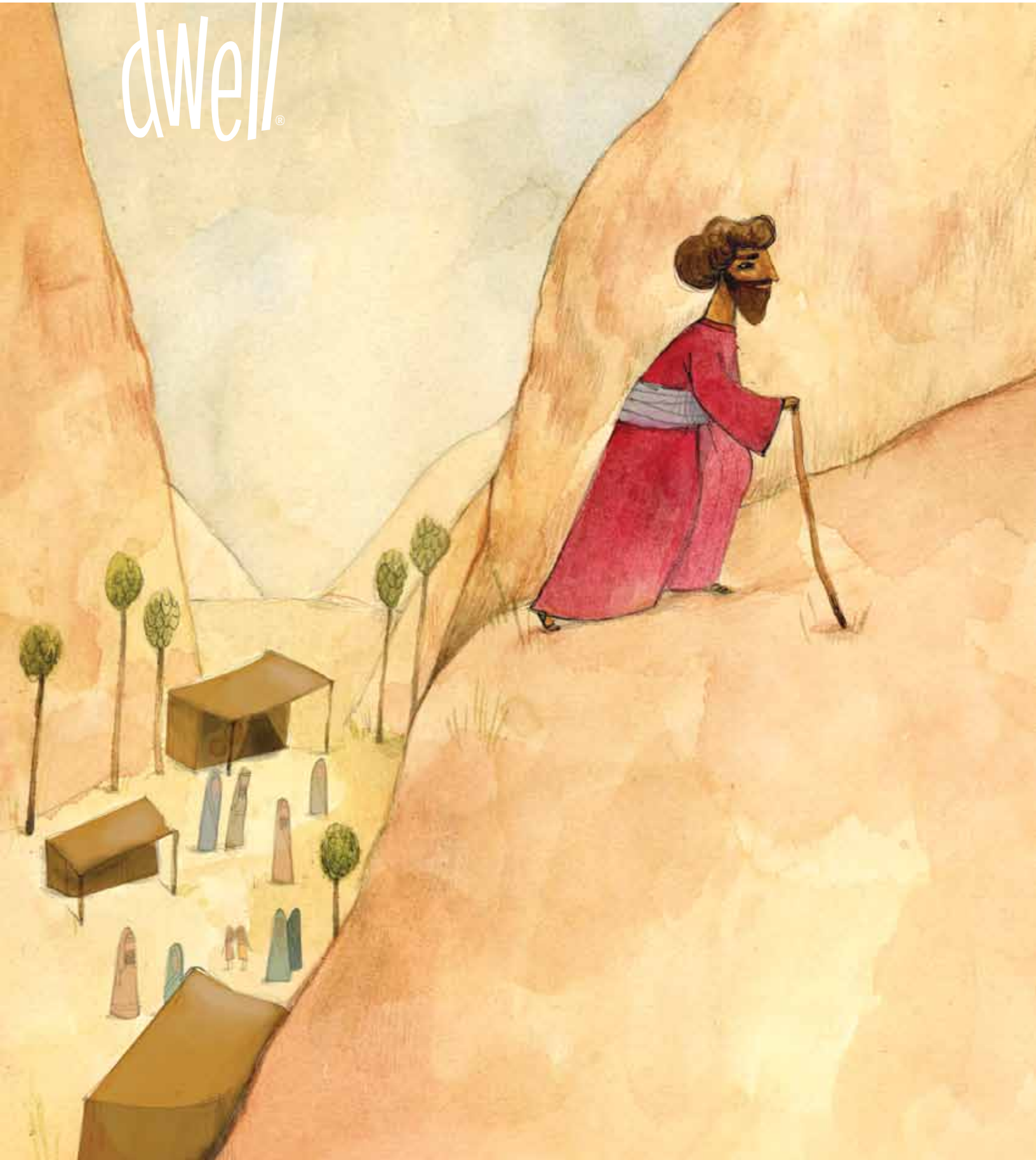








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Dear Family,

This week we began a 12-week focus on exploring the Ten Commandments. Here is what we will be talking about during this six-week unit:

- Week One: Sinai, the Summary of the Law (Exodus 19:3-25; 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 13:8-10) 
- Week Two: The Golden Calf, Worship God Alone (Exodus 20:1-6; 32) 
- Week Three: Spies sent to Canaan, Trust God Alone (Exodus 20:1-6; Numbers 13-14) 
- Week Four: Peter's Denial and Reinstatement, Honor the Name (Exodus 20:7; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:61; John 21:15-17) 
- Week Five: The Pharisees on the Sabbath, Remember the Day (Exodus 20:8; Mark 2:23-3:6, Luke 13:10-17) 
- Week Six: Summary of the First Table of the Law, Stay Close to God (Psalm 23) 

Pass It On

Here are some ideas for how you might engage your son or daughter in a faith discussion during the next six weeks:

- Talk about the “why” behind the rules in your household and what they have in common with the Ten Commandments (Week 1).
- Talk together about some of the idols you see in today’s culture—things that people put more importance on than they deserve (Week 2).
- Talk to your young teen about a time when you had to trust God through a challenging or frightening situation. Express what you learned from that situation (Week 3).
- Talk about what it means to speak God’s name reverently and praise God in everything we do and say. Talk about how you honor God’s name in your family (Week 4).
- If you grew up in a Christian home, describe what Sundays were like when you were your son or daughter’s age. Talk together as a family about how you’d like Sundays to be and plan something to do together next Sunday that would be enjoyable, restful, and different from the other days of the week (Week 5).

Sincerely,

P.S. Check out www.NurtureKidsFaith.org for more faith-building ideas for home!

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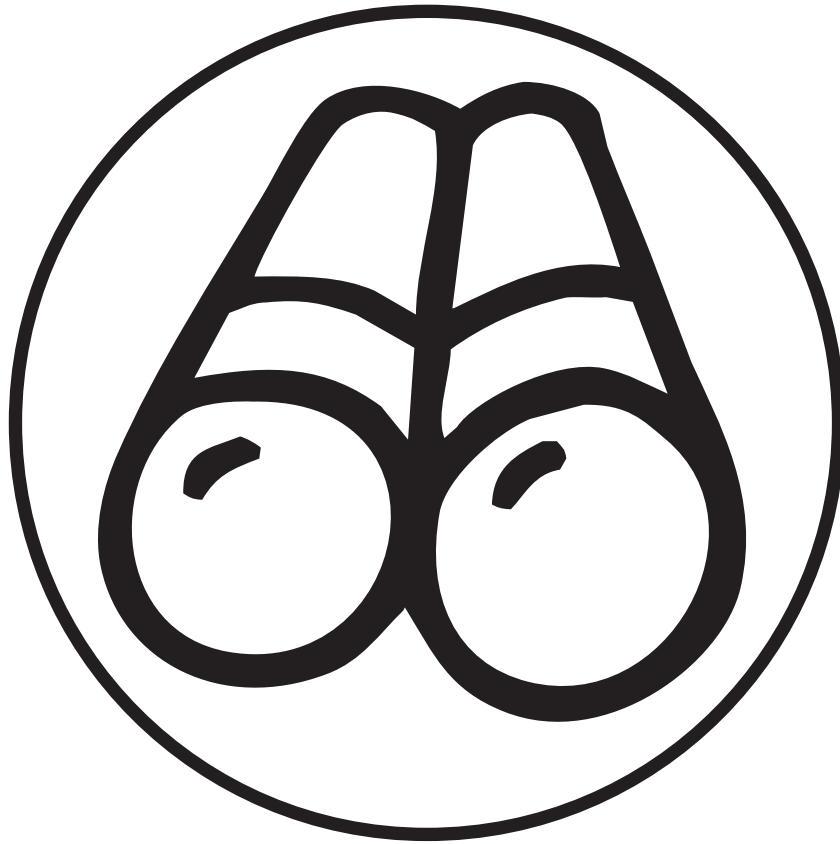
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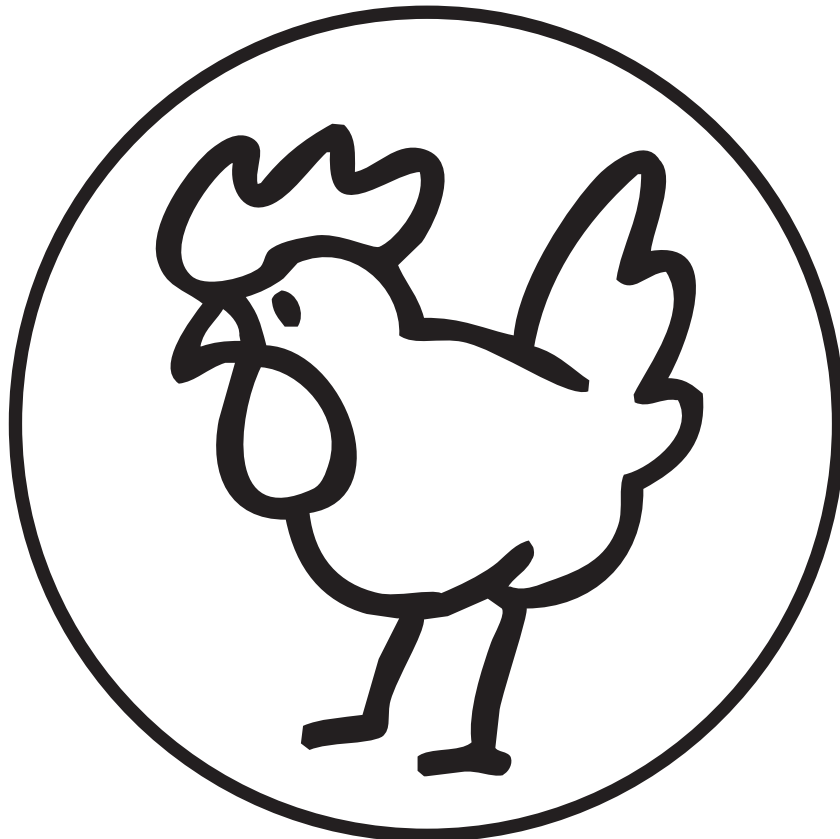
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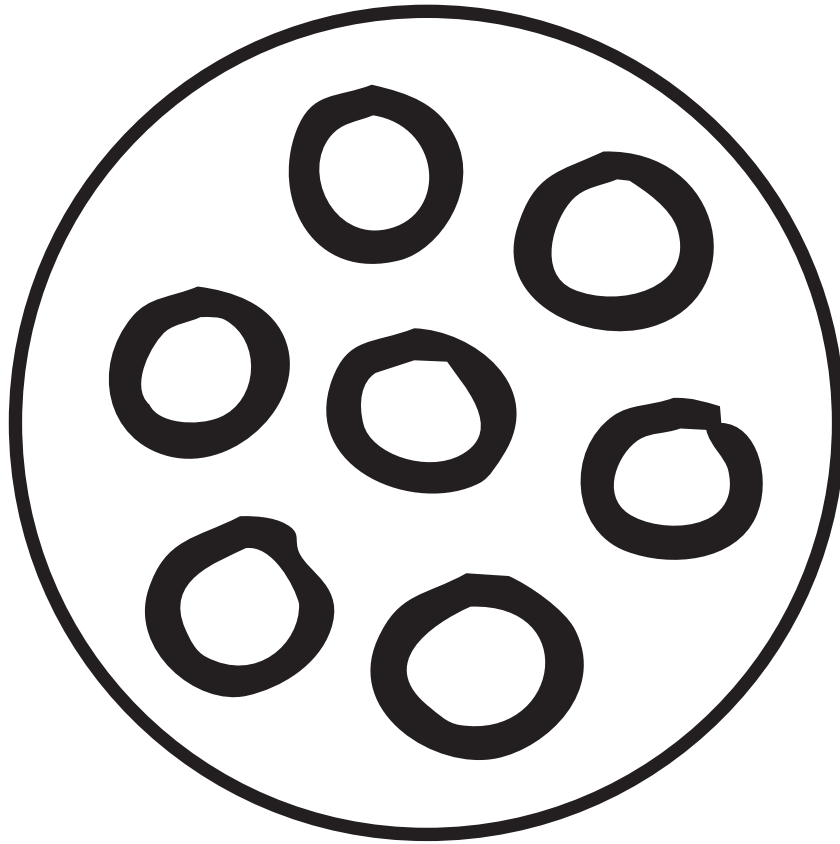
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Year 2, Unit 2, Session 5



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Who Am I?

I am someone who . . .

I think it's important to . . .

I love . . .

I care about . . .

I do not . . .

I like . . .

I don't like . . .

I am . . .

I believe . . .

I belong . . .

Group 1 Script

Scene 1 (Exodus 32:1-6)

Narrator: When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said

The People: Come; make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.

Aaron: Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.

Narrator: 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. Then they said

The People: These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.

Narrator: When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced

Aaron: Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.

Narrator: So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Group 2 Script

Scene 2 (Exodus 32:7-14)

Narrator: Then the LORD said to Moses,

The Lord: Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” I have seen these people, and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.

Narrator: But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God.

Moses: LORD, why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: “I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.”

Narrator: Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Group 3 Script

Scene 3 (Exodus 32:15-29)

Narrator: Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses

Joshua: There is the sound of war in the camp.

Moses: It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.

Narrator: When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. He said to Aaron

Moses: What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?

Aaron: Do not be angry, my lord, you know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, “Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” So I told them, “Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.” Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!

Narrator: Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said

Moses: Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.

Narrator: And all the Levites rallied to him. Then he said to them

Moses: This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.”

Narrator: The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. Then Moses said

Moses: You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.

Group 4 Script

Scene 4 (Exodus 32:30-35)

Narrator: The next day Moses said to the people

Moses: You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.

Narrator: So Moses went back to the LORD and said

Moses: Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.

The Lord: Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.

Narrator: And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.



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