

1 – LESSON #47: Moses part 13 from Exodus 19, 24, 31, & 32

SKIT: Topic: Moses part 13 from Exodus 19-32

Narrator #1: Sometime during the 3rd month after leaving Egypt, God gave Moses this direction.

God

Father God: Come up to me on the mountain for a long visit. During that time, I will give you the tablets of stone listing the 10 commandments. I will also give you other laws and rules to teach the Children of Israel.

Narrator #2: As you know, God had already narrated the 10 commandments to all the Children of Israel.

Narrator #1: But in case they forgot or were not really listening, they would now have those laws in writing.

Narrator #2: Before Moses left to climb up Mt. Sinai, he said this to the Israelites.

MOSES: Wait here for me until I come back to you. If you have any problems while I am gone, you can talk with either of the two men who helped me hold up the staff of God during the recent battle: Aaron, my older brother, or Hur, one of my trusted assistants.

Narrator #1: Not even Moses knew that he would be on that mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Narrator #2: In silence, the Children of Israel watched Moses walk up that mountain covered with a cloud.

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Narrator #1: Within days, they saw the top of the mountain look like it might have been on fire.

Narrator #2: During the long time Moses was gone, all kinds of horrible mischief took place.

Narrator #1: The Ringleaders, those noisy troublemakers, likely were the first to start the negative rumors.

RINGLEADER #1: Moses has been gone for more than 5 weeks. *(Group Repeats)*

RINGLEADER #2: Perhaps Moses is hurt or dead. *(Group Repeats)*

RINGLEADER #1: What if Moses never comes back? *(Group Repeats)*

RINGLEADER #2: Who will watch over us then? *(Group Repeats)*

Narrator #2: Aaron, Hur, or the Chant Leaders might have tried to keep everybody calm.

CHANT LEADER #1: Even though Moses is gone, ... *(Group Repeats)*

CHANT LEADER #2: ... God still sends Manna every day. *(Group Repeats)*

CHANT LEADER #1: God is our provider! *(Repeat)*

CHANT LEADER #2: God is good! *(Group Repeats)*

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Narrator #1: Uh-oh! Those Ringleaders came up with a plan that would break the first 2 of God's 10 Commandments.

RINGLEADER #1: Aaron, we want you to make us a god to lead us.

RINGLEADER #2: Yeah! The Egyptians worshiped many gods. Just like them, we want a god we can see and touch.

Narrator #2: The Chant Leaders tried to remind them that doing this would break the first two commandments.

CHANT LEADER #1: Obey God's 1st commandment.
(Group Repeats)

CHANT LEADER #2: God told us only to worship Him!
(Group Repeats)

CHANT LEADER #1: Obey God's 2nd commandment.
(Group Repeats)

CHANT LEADER #2: God told us not to worship idols.
(Group Repeats)

Narrator #1: Sadly, the Ringleaders ignored them. They wanted to copy the Egyptians, their former masters, by worshiping a false idol.

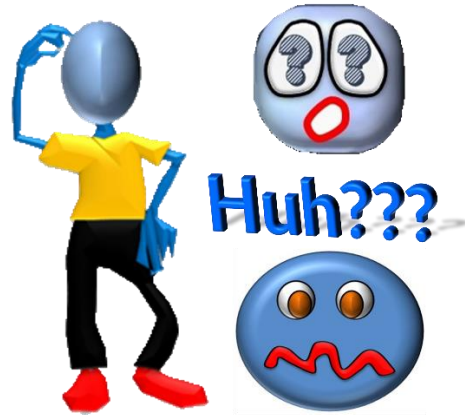
Narrator #2: It's hard to believe that Aaron would agree to give in to their demands. Perhaps he was too afraid to say **NO**. Aaron said:

AARON: Take off all your gold earrings and bring them to me.

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Narrator #1: Quickly, the people took off their earrings and gave them to Aaran to melt down to make a golden calf.

Narrator #2: Afterward, the Ringleaders gave the golden calf all the credit for bringing them out of Egypt, parting the Red Sea, and giving them water to drink and Manna to eat every single day.



Narrator #1: Aaron, Hur, or the Chant Leaders were likely too afraid to question how troublemakers could believe a newly-crafted calf made of gold had any power to do the things that only God can do.

Narrator #2: The faithful people might even have hidden in their tents to pray to God to send Moses back to them as quickly as possible.

Narrator #1: Seeing the Ringleaders satisfaction in having a false idol to worship, Aaron built an altar in front of the golden calf. Then, Aaron said:

AARON: Tomorrow, we will celebrate with a festival. We will eat, drink, and dance.

Narrator #2: Tune in next week to see what Moses and the real God, our only God, decided to do to these disobedient and rebellious Children of Israel.

END OF SKIT. Let's give our volunteers a great big hand!