# THE IDLE IDOL

ADULT
Unit 5
LESSON HANDOUT
Lesson 1

**BIBLE TRUTH**
God wants us to worship Him alone.

**LEARNER GOAL**
I can describe how God's jealousy toward His people in the narrative is demonstrated both in His punishment and in His mercy.

**BIBLE VERSE**
You shall have no other gods before Me. Exodus 20:3

The Golden Calf
Exodus 31:18–32:35

## REFLECTIONS

**OPENING REFLECTION** The traditional definition of the word *jealous* has to do with being vigilant in guarding something you possess. How is this different from how we use the word today?

**EXODUS 31:18–32:6** Why, do you suppose, was it so important for the people to have a physical idol to worship? How can we fall into a similar trap today?

**EXODUS 32:7–14** Summarize what God says and how Moses responds. What does this reveal about God's jealousy for His people?

**EXODUS 32:15–20** What do you make of Moses' reaction to seeing the scene? What is an insight you can take from this about the nature of our sins?

**EXODUS 32:21–35** List all the different consequences of the sins of God's people here. Despite the punishments, how does God also show His mercy?

**FINAL REFLECTION** Describe how God's jealousy toward His people in the narrative is demonstrated by both His punishment and His mercy.

## NOTES



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