

# EXODUS 29-34

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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Last week, Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai and some instructions to build a tabernacle where God's presence would dwell as the Israelites headed to the Promised Land. This week we pick up with some more instructions regarding consecration and offerings of the priests, the altar of incense, the bronze basin, and the importance of the sabbath. To consecrate means to separate something or someone. God's people, and more specifically the priests that were working closely with the presence of God, were to be holy and set apart. They were to be consecrated. At the end of Exodus 31, God gave Moses the two stone tablets written by His own fingers.

As Moses is meeting with God, the people become impatient. The people say to Aaron, "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 took the gold that the people received when they were leaving Egypt, and used it to make an idol for themselves in the image of a calf. They worship and attribute the works of God to something else. This sin is idolatry, which means to worship someone or something other than God. Israel wanted to be like the other nations who worshiped false gods and objects made by human hands. They used the very thing they received as God delivered them from slavery in Egypt to worship an idol. Their impatience, discontentment, and lack of trust in God lead them to this terrible sin. As a result of the blasphemy that took place, God threatened to destroy Israel for their disobedience and violation of the covenant.

As a result of sin, there is separation between the people and God, and the tent where God's presence would dwell was placed outside the camp. Moses would enter the tent, and God would speak with Moses as one speaks to a friend. God promises that His presence would go with them. Moses asks God to show him His glory, which is His revealed goodness. God reveals His name and His character: *"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."* This is one of the most important verses in the entire Bible, and is referenced back to countless times. The Lord renews His covenant and Moses rewrites the Ten Commandments. We see throughout these pages who God really is: the only one worthy of our complete trust and our true worship!

## FAMILY GUIDE

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Only God is worthy of all our worship!</li></ul>
<b>KEY STORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tablets given</li><li>● Golden Calf</li><li>● The Lord's Glory</li><li>● New tablets and covenant renewed</li></ul>
<b>KEY VERSES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Exodus 32:1</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, '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.'"</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Exodus 33:18</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Moses said, "Now show me your glory."</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Exodus 33:11</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend."</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Consecrate</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To separate something or someone</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Idolatry</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To worship someone or something other than God as though it were God</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Glory</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The revealed goodness of God</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Covenant</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A really strong promise that should not be broken</li></ul></li></ul>

## Reflection Questions

<b>1.</b>	What was the idol that the Israelites made and worshipped?
<b>2.</b>	Why did the Israelites make an idol?
<b>3.</b>	What did Moses ask God to reveal to Him?
<b>4.</b>	Read Exodus 34:6-7- What characteristics does God claim of Himself?