

after day passed and they got tired looking for him. They go to Aaron grumbling because Moses has not returned. They ask Aaron to make them gods that they can see, that can be carried before them and lead them, for they think Moses has left them. Of course, Aaron could not make any gods that could hear or see or lead them, but to please and satisfy them and keep them in good humor, Aaron did a very wrong thing, ch. 32 : 4.

The Golden Calf—(See Lesson Explained.) See the pile of gold earrings the women have taken from their ears, and brought to Aaron ! The gold is melted and poured into the image of a golden calf. Aaron gives this to the people, telling them this is their god which brought them out of the land of Egypt (see Lesson Explained.) Here Aaron built an altar (sketch) before the image and ordered the people to make a feast and worship before this golden calf.

God's Anger Against the People—God knew all about what was going on, v. 7. God told Moses to go down to them, and He would punish and destroy them every one. Moses begged God not to destroy them, vs. 11-14. God told Moses those that sinned against God He will blot out of His book, v. 33.

Moses' Return—Describe the scene which Moses saw when he came down from the

mountain bringing the two tables of stone, vs. 18-24. Tell of God's anger and the punishment He gave, vs. 26-35.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. "We never worship idols," you say. Frank is very fond of money. He would do anything to get some money. He even does not like to give his cent on the collection plate. Jennie would not go to church because she had not her new dress. Willie does not want to leave his play long enough to go to Sunday School. Are these young people making idols of money, dress, play ? Anything that we love more than God, is an idol.

Sing or Repeat

"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,
I want Thee forever to live in my soul ;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe:
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Idol Worshipers—Think of the thousands of children in heathen lands every day bowing down to idols made of wood and stone. They do not know God's laws.

"Little lips that Thou hast made,
'Neath the far off temple's shade
Give to gods of wood and stone
Praise that should be all Thine own."

How can we help them ?

Symbol—God's PUNISHING HAND.

To Think About—I should worship God only.

FROM THE PLATFORM

"GUARD YOURSELVES"

Print on the blackboard, from the Golden Text, "GUARD YOURSELVES." Bring out the meaning of guarding ourselves,—keeping away from ourselves anything that would injure us. Illustrate from the locking of our doors to keep our possessions safe, or from the employment of policemen and soldiers. Apply the words to the dangers of intemperance. Get the scholars to tell you some things of which the use of strong drink robs people,—their money, their health and strength, their clearness of mind, the respect of others, success in life, often their homes and even their lives. Impress the need of guarding ourselves against these dangers. Have a little talk about how this is to be done. Make the point very emphatic, that the only way to guard ourselves securely is to keep altogether from the use of drink. We can lock the door of our lips against this great foe, and then we shall be safe.