

"Moses must be lost," because he stayed so long in the mountain, forty days and forty nights. They got tired waiting, and got cross and disobedient, saying they had no one to lead them now. They forgot God's commandments and disobeyed them.

*The Very Reason!*—A noble little fellow was once tempted by some of his companions to pluck ripe cherries from a tree which his father had forbidden him to touch. "You need not be afraid," said one of his friends, "for if your father should find out that you had taken the cherries, he is so kind that he will not hurt you." "That is the very reason," replied the boy, "why I should not touch them. My father loves me so much that my disobedience would hurt him."

*Lesson*—These discontented children of Israel go to Aaron saying (verse 1). Was Aaron a good leader? We shall see. Picture the people bringing their jewelry to Aaron. What does he do with all these earrings of gold? (verses 4-6). Show a picture of the golden calf or outline one. "Why," you say, "that was an idol." God told them they must not have any other god than Himself, nor pray to anything made by men's hands.

*Golden Text*—Can you repeat the commandment they broke by their disobedience? (Our Golden Text.) Describe Moses coming

down from the mountain carrying the tables of stone (vs. 19, 20). He is so angry and sorry for their disobedience that he throws down the "tables," and they are broken. He begs God to forgive them, but God must punish sin. He loves His people, and "that is the very reason" why their disobedience hurts Him so much. (In ch. 34 we are told of God's mercy and goodness to these disobedient people even while punishing them.)

*Practical Thought*—All over the world today there are millions of people praying to idols, building beautiful temples for their worship. God wants us to send word to them about His commandments and tell of Him, the living and true God. God wants our best love, wants us to love Him more than anything else in the world and pray to Him only.

*Repeat*—"Little children keep yourselves from idols," John 5 : 21.

*Sing*—

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from thy throne,  
And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

# TWO BROTHERS

Do we expect brothers to be alike? Here were two, at any rate, who had each had a wonderful opportunity of knowing God and of knowing and doing what was right. Recall by questions the call of Moses and Aaron to leadership, some of the wonders they had seen, and some of the wonderful things God had done for them and by them. Surely they shall both be, once and forever, understanding and faithful servants of the Lord. We shall see. Here is a testing time for Aaron. (By question and answer call out the situation.) Just when Aaron should have stood, he fell. What was the reason? Simply, that he listened to men rather than to God. Press the point closely, taking Acts 5 : 29 as a parallel example. Now for the other brother, Moses. Show these two signs of his strength—he stood out against all the people, because he trusted God, and in the same trust he stood out even against God. Behold the secret of strength!