

brought them out of Egypt.

Next, Aaron built an altar before the golden calf, and told the Israelites that they should hold a great feast the next day. So, early in the morning, they rose up and offered burnt offerings to the golden calf instead of to the Lord, and feasted and drank before the idol.

While the Israelites were doing these things, Moses was still on the mountain. He could not see them, but the Lord saw them and told him to go down, for His people were behaving very wickedly. So Moses hurried down the mountain, carrying the two tables of stone, and, when he saw all the people singing and dancing in front of the golden calf, he was so a gry that he threw down the tables and they were broken to pieces on the ground. Then he rushed in amongst the people, and, tearing the golden calf from its pedestal, ground it into powder, and, throwing it into water, made the people drink the bitter stuff.

The people were very much afraid for they knew they had done wrong, but Moses afterwards prayed to the Lord, begging Him to forgive this great sin, and, if He could not forgive them, to punish him in their stead. But God said, "No." The people who have sinned must be punished. But Moses prayed so earnestly, that God would forgive them and still go with them on their journey, that the Lord heard his prayer and promised that He would still lead them on to Canaan. Yet, at the same time, God sent a plague upon them for their wickedness, and many of them died there in the wilderness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did God again call Moses to come up the mountain? 2. How long was Moses there? 3. Who became impatient? 4. What did Aaron ask them to do to quiet their anger? 5. What did the people do to the golden calf? 6. What did the people do next day? 7. Who told Moses of what was happening? 8. How did Moses feel? 9. What happened to the tables of stone? 10. What did Moses do to the calf? 11. What did he do next? 12. What was God's answer? 13. What was the result of Moses' pleading further? 14. What punishment was sent on the sinners?

Lesson Hymn

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. Amen.

—Hymn 217, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—46. What was done with the body of Jesus after His death on the cross? The body of Jesus was taken by His friends and laid in a tomb, or grave. **47.** What happened on the third day after Jesus died and was buried? On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

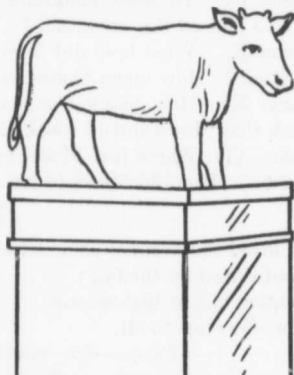
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 69-72.

The Question on Missions

12. Describe the chief methods of Jewish mission work. Reading rooms furnished with newspapers and periodicals in Yiddish, Hebrew and English; night schools for the study of English; classes for Bible study; enquiry classes; gospel services, sometimes in the open air; classes and clubs for girls and boys; a free dispensary; tract distribution; personal interviews; and relief of the poor.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How foolish it was of the Israelites to think that a calf made of gold, such as the drawing shows, could hear their prayers!



Should we not be very glad that the Bible teaches us to pray to God and not to any idol? Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY