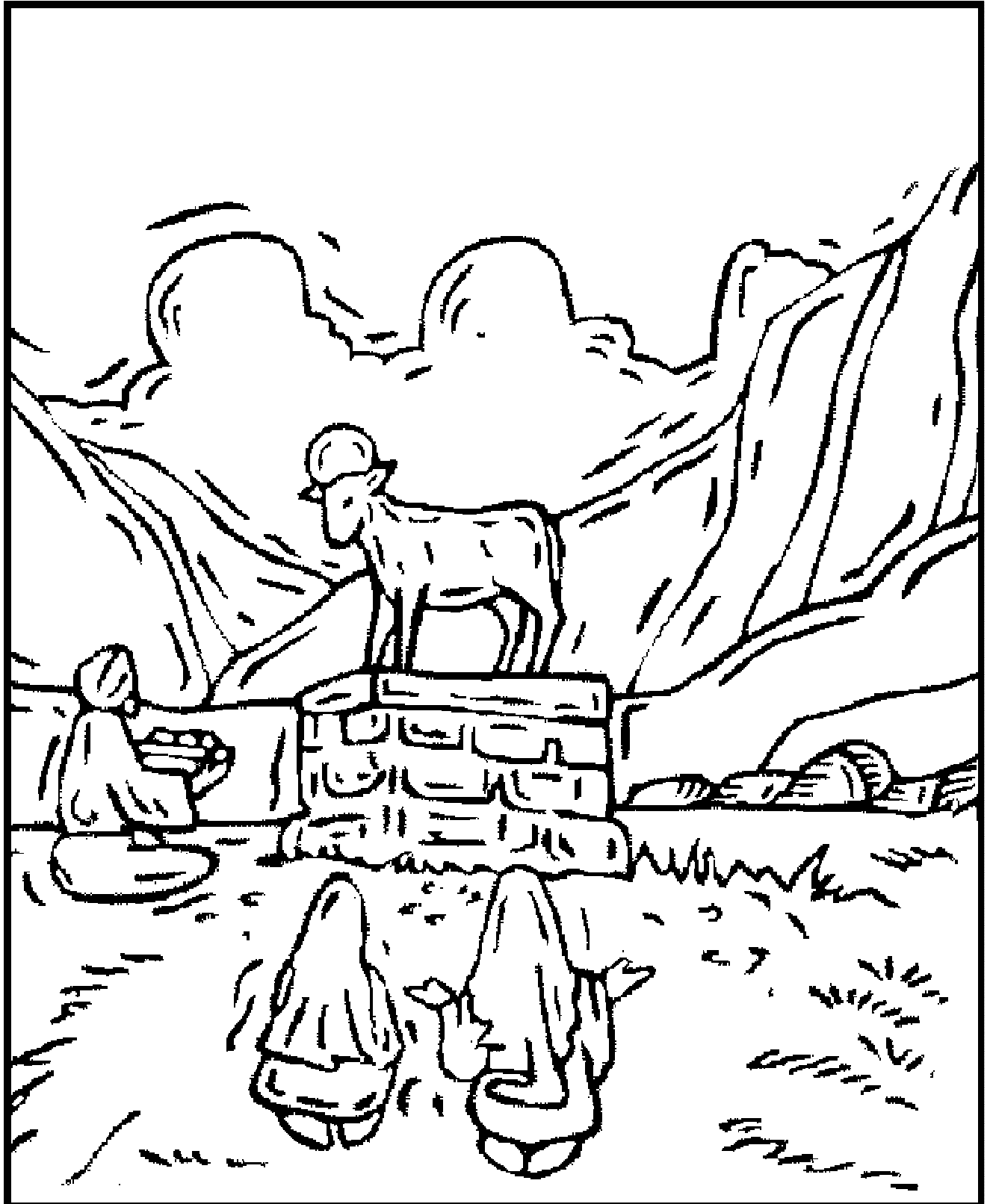


**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 96: JEROBOAM MAKES TWO GOLDEN CALVES**  
**1 KINGS 12:25-13:6**

Jeroboam made the town of Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim a strong place that was hard to attack, and was living there; and from there he went out and did the same thing to Peniel, making it just as strong as Shechem. And Jeroboam thought to himself, Now the kingdom will go back to the family of David: If the people go up to make offerings in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, their heart will be turned again to their LORD, to Rehoboam, Solomon's son and king of Judah; and they will put me to death and go back to Rehoboam. So after thinking about it the king made two golden calves out of gold; and he said to the people, You have been going up to Jerusalem long enough; see! These are your gods, O Israel, who took you out of the land of Egypt. And he put one in Beth-el and the other in Dan. And this became a sin in Israel; because the people went to worship the one at Beth-el, and the other at Dan. And he made places for worship at the high places, and made priests out of all kinds of people who weren't Levites. And Jeroboam ordered that a feast would be held in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is kept in Judah, and he went up to the altar. And in the same way, in Beth-el, he gave offerings to the golden calves which he had made, and he put the priests he had made in the high places in Beth-el. He went up to the altar he made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, the month fixed by him because he wanted it; and he commanded that a feast be held for the people of Israel, and then he went up to the altar, and he burned incense there. Then a prophet of God came from Judah because the Lord had sent him to Beth-el, where Jeroboam was. Jeroboam was up by the altar, burning offerings. And the Lord told him to yell out, speaking against the altar, saying, O altar, altar, the Lord has said, there will be a child descended from David named Josiah, and on YOU he will kill the priests of the high places, who are burning offerings on you, and men's bones will be burned on you. That same day the prophet gave them all a sign, saying, This is the sign which the Lord has given: See, the altar will be broken and the burned things on it will be tipped over. Then the king, after hearing the man of God yelling out loudly against the altar at Beth-el, held out his hand toward the altar, saying, Take him prisoner! And his hand that was stretched out became dead, and he couldn't pull it back. And the altar was broken and the burned things on it were tipped

over; this was the sign which the prophet of God gave by the word of the Lord. Then the king answered and said to the prophet of God, Pray now for the grace of the Lord your God, and for me, that my hand may be healed. And the LORD answered the prayer of the prophet of God, and the king's hand was healed, and made just as it was before.

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**1 Kings 12:28**

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1 KINGS 12:25-13:6

## **MEMORY VERSE:**

"This became a sin in Israel; because the people went to worship the one at Beth-el, and the other at Dan.." 1 KINGS 13:30

## **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. Jeroboam thought that the kingdom would go back to David's family if they went to Jerusalem to worship the LORD. TRUE or FALSE
2. King Jeroboam made two golden ducks for the people to worship. TRUE or FALSE
3. He put one golden calf in Shechem and the other one in Dan. TRUE or FALSE
4. This thing became a sin in Israel because the people went to worship the one at Beth-el and the other at Dan. TRUE or FALSE
5. Jeroboam made priests out of all kinds of people who weren't Levites. TRUE or FALSE

## **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Do you think that the LORD wanted Jeroboam to make the two golden calves?
2. Did the LORD send a prophet to go to Beth-el where Jeroboam was?
3. What did the prophet of God do? Did the LORD tell him to yell out against the altar? Did he say that one day a descendant of David would kill the priests that were burning incense there?
4. What was the sign that he showed everybody? Did the altar break and the burned things tip over?
5. What happened to Jeroboam's hand when he stretched it out toward the altar? Did it become like a dead hand? Could he pull it back?
6. What did Jeroboam ask the prophet of God to do? Did he ask him to pray that his hand would be healed? Did the LORD heal it?

## 96. Optional Craft

Take some play dough and make your own golden calves!



Or make an altar (a square piece) and break it by tearing it in half!



## Optional Activity Lesson 96

### Follow the Leader

Today, we will be learning about making a choice to obey the Lord or to disobey Him. How important it is to obey the Lord! He wants to bless us, and He knows what is best for us. This game of “Follow the Leader” will help to reinforce that.

Have the children get together in a line. Choose one child to be the line leader. Tell the children that they will follow the leader and do everything that the leader does. The leader will then lead the line and can be creative on what they do. They can hop, jump, crawl, etc. Then everyone in the line will need to do the same.

Take turns so that everyone who would like to gets a turn.

After you have played the game, take a moment to ask the children what it was like to “follow the leader” and how important it is that we follow our leader—Jesus.

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust the Lord and not try to take matters into their own hands; pray they will choose to obey the Lord. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.