

Chapter 32

Moses stayed on the mountain about 40 days.

During this time the people told Aaron to make them a god out of gold.

Aaron made a golden calf and the people worshipped it.

On the mountain, God said to Moses

"Go down now,

because the people have been unfaithful to me.

I will punish them, but of you I will make a great nation."

Moses pleaded with God not to punish the people.

When Moses, carrying the two tablets,

came down the mountain

he saw the people partying before the golden calf.

He threw down the tablets and broke them.

He smashed the golden calf.

The men of the tribe of Levi were then commissioned

to go through the camp and kill many men.

About 3,000 men were killed.

Dear God, please don't let us ever worship
anyone or anything except you

Chapter 33

The Israelites continued their journey through the desert.

Wherever the people camped, Moses would put the Sacred Tent outside, some distance from the camp.

Whenever Moses went out to the Tent, the pillar of cloud came down on the Tent and God spoke with Moses face to face, just like friends speak to each other.

The Israelites would go out to the Tent for Moses to consult God for them.

Dear God, thank you for your friendship