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Q & A

Who was left in charge when Moses was gone?

What did Aaron make for the people?

Read more about it in Exodus 32

A Bible Story

Israelites Worship a Golden Calf

Moses went up the mountain to talk to God. He was gone a long time, which worried the Israelites.

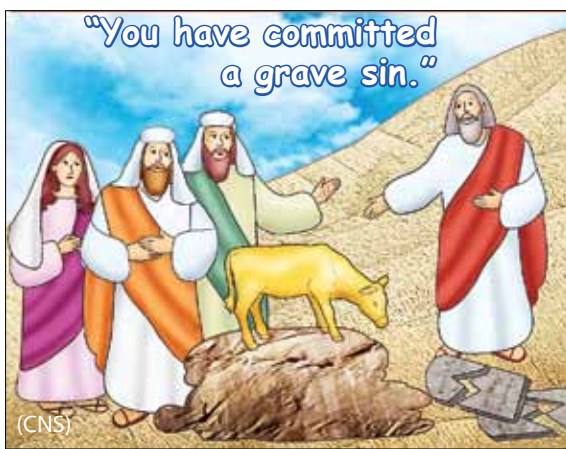
They went to see Moses' brother, Aaron, who was in charge of the Israelites' camp while Moses was away.

"Come," they said to Aaron, "make us a god who will go before us; as for that man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."

Aaron told the people to give him their gold earrings. He put the gold into the fire and used the hot metal to make a statue of a calf. The people began worshipping the calf as their new god.

God saw all that was happening at the Israelites' camp at the base of the mountain. He told Moses about the golden calf.

"Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved," he said to



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Moses. God was angry and decided to destroy the Israelites and make a new nation from Moses.

Moses begged God to spare the Israelites.

"Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand?" Moses asked. "Remember your servants

Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"

So God changed His mind and decided not to destroy the people.

When Moses came down the mountain, he was carrying two stone tablets upon which God had written His laws for the people to follow. When Moses saw the people laughing, dancing and worshipping the golden calf, he was so angry that he threw the tablets on the ground, breaking them. He then destroyed the calf in the fire.

On the next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a grave sin. Now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin."

The next day, Moses returned to God and asked Him to forgive the people.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Join Bishop Malloy in Praying the Rosary

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also the Month for Life.

Saying a decade of the rosary after school this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.

Pope Francis wants us to say the rosary. He said, "Let us join spiritually together in this act of trust in



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld)

Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.



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St. Teresa of Kolkata holds a rosary while speaking.

our Mother, and let us receive from her hands the crown of the rosary. The rosary is a school of prayer, the rosary is a school of faith!"

Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese has recorded each decade. To say the rosary with him, ask an adult to help you go to the website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray it.

Four groups of five

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Joyful Mysteries The Annunciation Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.	The Nativity Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.	The Presentation in the Temple Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God.	The Finding in the Temple Jesus is found in the Temple discussing His faith with the teachers.
Luminous Mysteries The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son.	The Wedding Feast at Cana At Mary's request, Jesus performs His first miracle.	Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.	The Transfiguration Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.	The Institution of the Eucharist Jesus offers His Body and Blood at the Last Supper
Sorrowful Mysteries The Agony in the Garden Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before He dies.	The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is lashed with whips	The Crowning with Thorns Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns	The Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify Him.	The Crucifixion Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.	The Ascension Jesus returns to His Father in heaven.	The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.	The Assumption At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.	The Coronation of Mary Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Rosary reflections are from <http://www.loyolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.36TcB2UE.dpbs>

Most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be easy to follow.

A decade is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

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mysteries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus's life.

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continue to say a decade Monday through Friday, as shown in the chart (above).

Think about each mystery as you pray it.

When you finish, start over and you'll be on your way to a new prayer habit.