

Can I understand the
story of Moses and the
Exodus?



Have a look at these bricks. Do you think you would be able to lift one? Think about the weight and size.



Look at the image of this Pyramid in Egypt.



It would be very difficult to make, lift and carry the bricks to large buildings and monuments. Especially in Egypt where the temperature is extremely hot. These monuments were built in blistering heat.



You're going to read the story of Moses Exodus on the following slides.

The Exodus Story

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When Moses was born, the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh was afraid of them because he thought they might take over his country. He ordered his soldiers to kill all the baby boys at birth so they would not grow up and fight him.



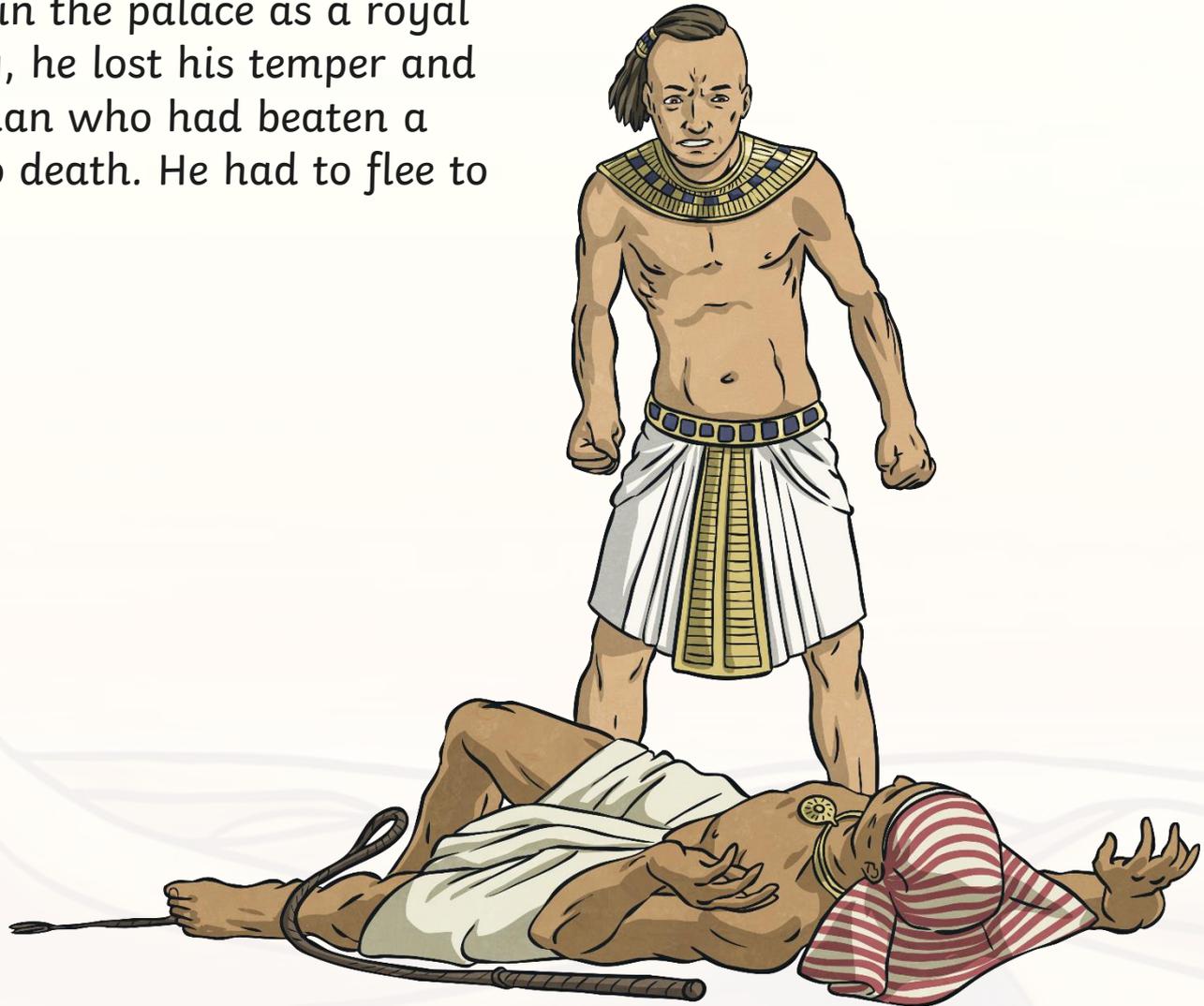
To save Moses, his mother made a plan. She put him in a basket and set him adrift on the River Nile and left his fate to God's will.



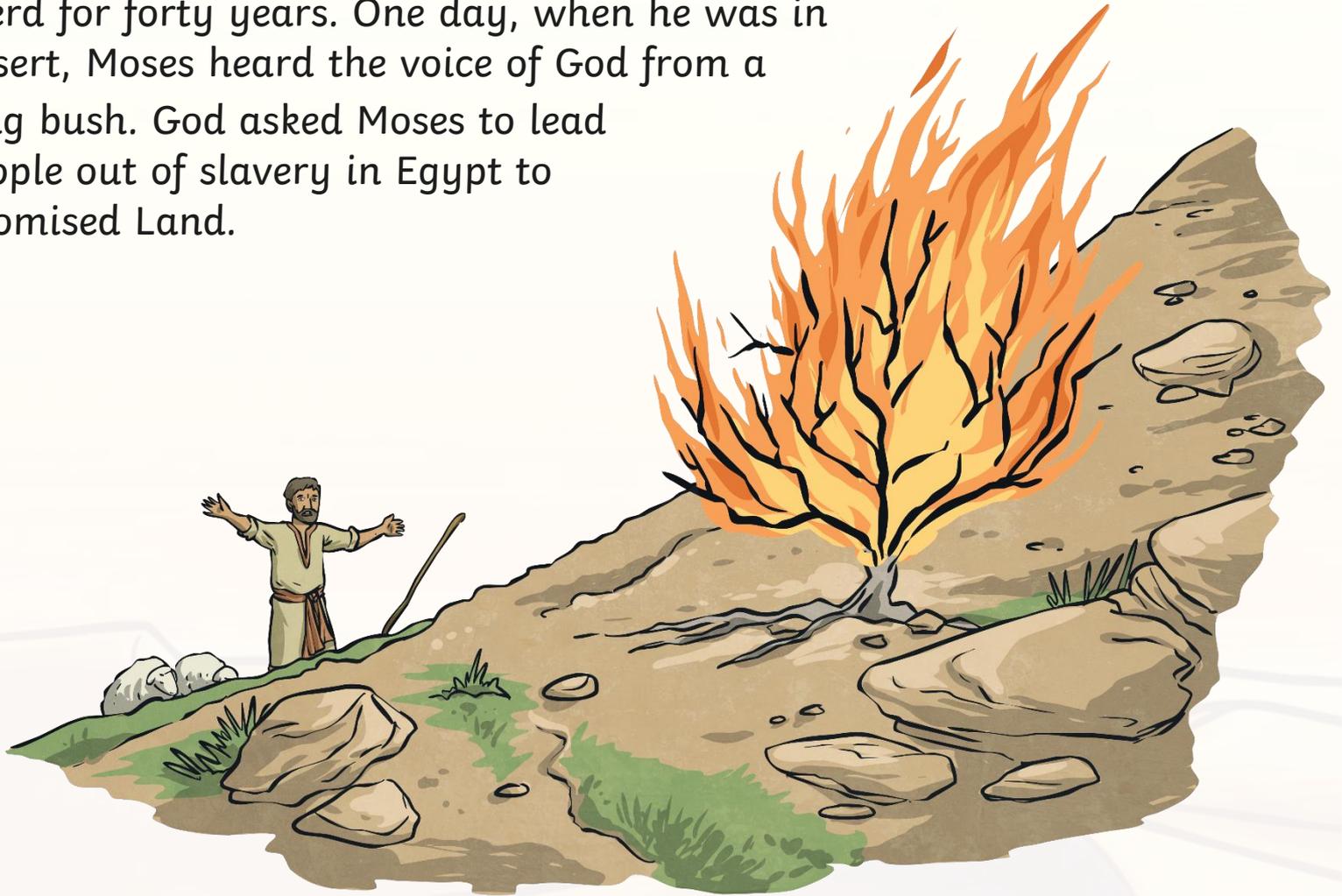
Moses floated down the river where the Pharaoh's daughter found him and rescued him. She brought him back to the palace and raised him as a son.



Moses grew up in the palace as a royal prince. One day, he lost his temper and killed an Egyptian who had beaten a Hebrew slave to death. He had to flee to another land.



He lived in the land of Midian and worked as a shepherd for forty years. One day, when he was in the desert, Moses heard the voice of God from a burning bush. God asked Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

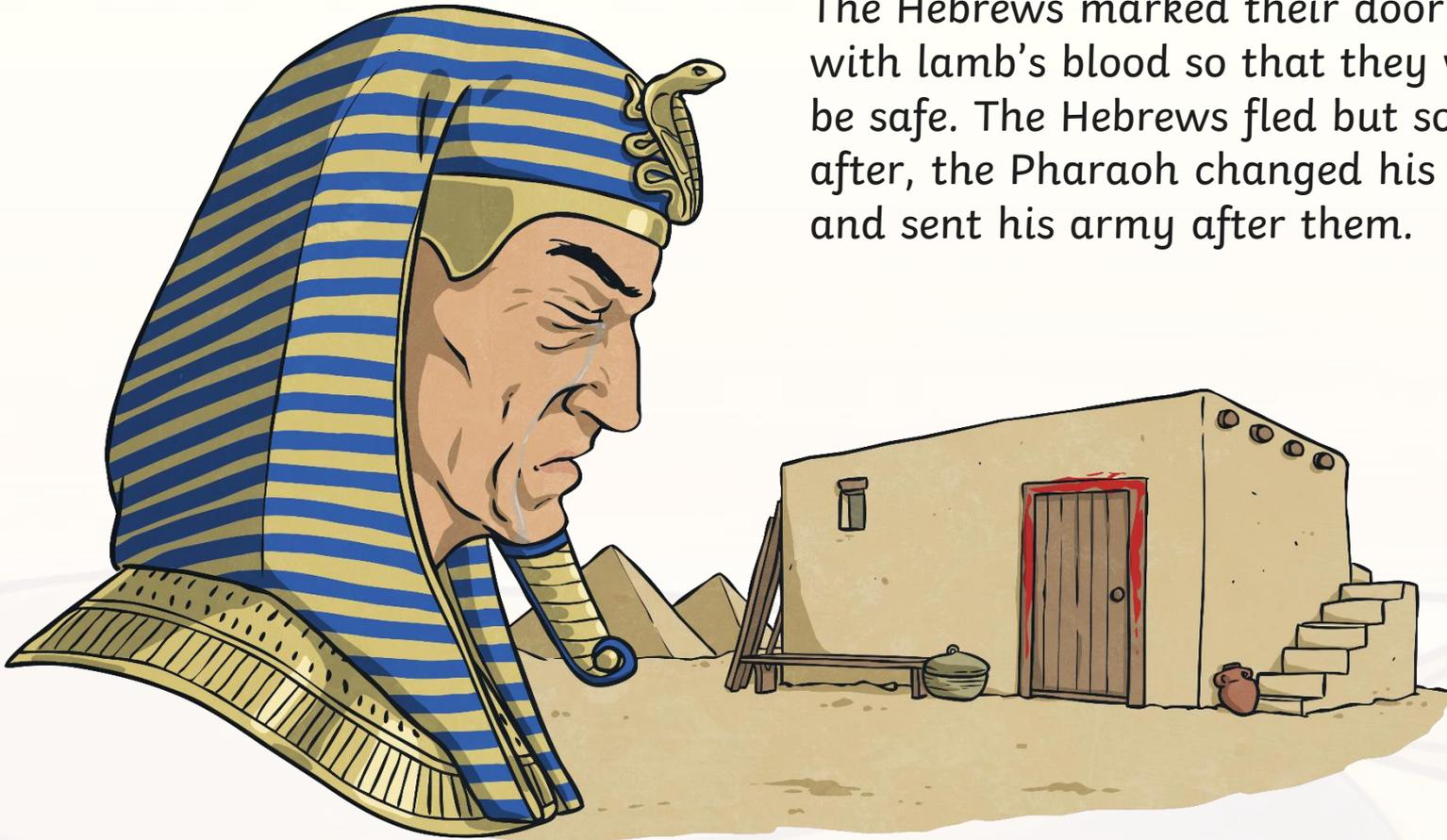


Moses went back to Egypt and asked the Pharaoh to free his people. Pharaoh did not want to lose his slaves so he refused. God unleashed ten plagues on the Egyptians.



It was the tenth plague that finally made the Pharaoh let them go. The eldest son in every family, including the Pharaoh's, died.

The Hebrews marked their doorposts with lamb's blood so that they would be safe. The Hebrews fled but soon after, the Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after them.





The army chased the Hebrews to the banks of the Red Sea, where they were trapped. God told Moses to lift up his rod and so he did. The waters parted to make a dry path.



When all the Hebrews were safely at the other shore, Moses raised up his rod again and the water closed on the Pharaoh's army who had been chasing them. God saved the Hebrews.



Even though the Hebrews were free, they were still in the desert. They wanted to find a land called Canaan which God had promised them.

The journey was very long and they soon ran out of food. They were hungry and blamed Moses for taking them out of Egypt. Moses told them that God would provide food.



Activity 1

Think back to the part in the story from the beating of the slaves up to the Hebrews in the wilderness.

You can also watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogfVBP35U-U>

Describe what might happen when you have been travelling with friends or family for several hours.

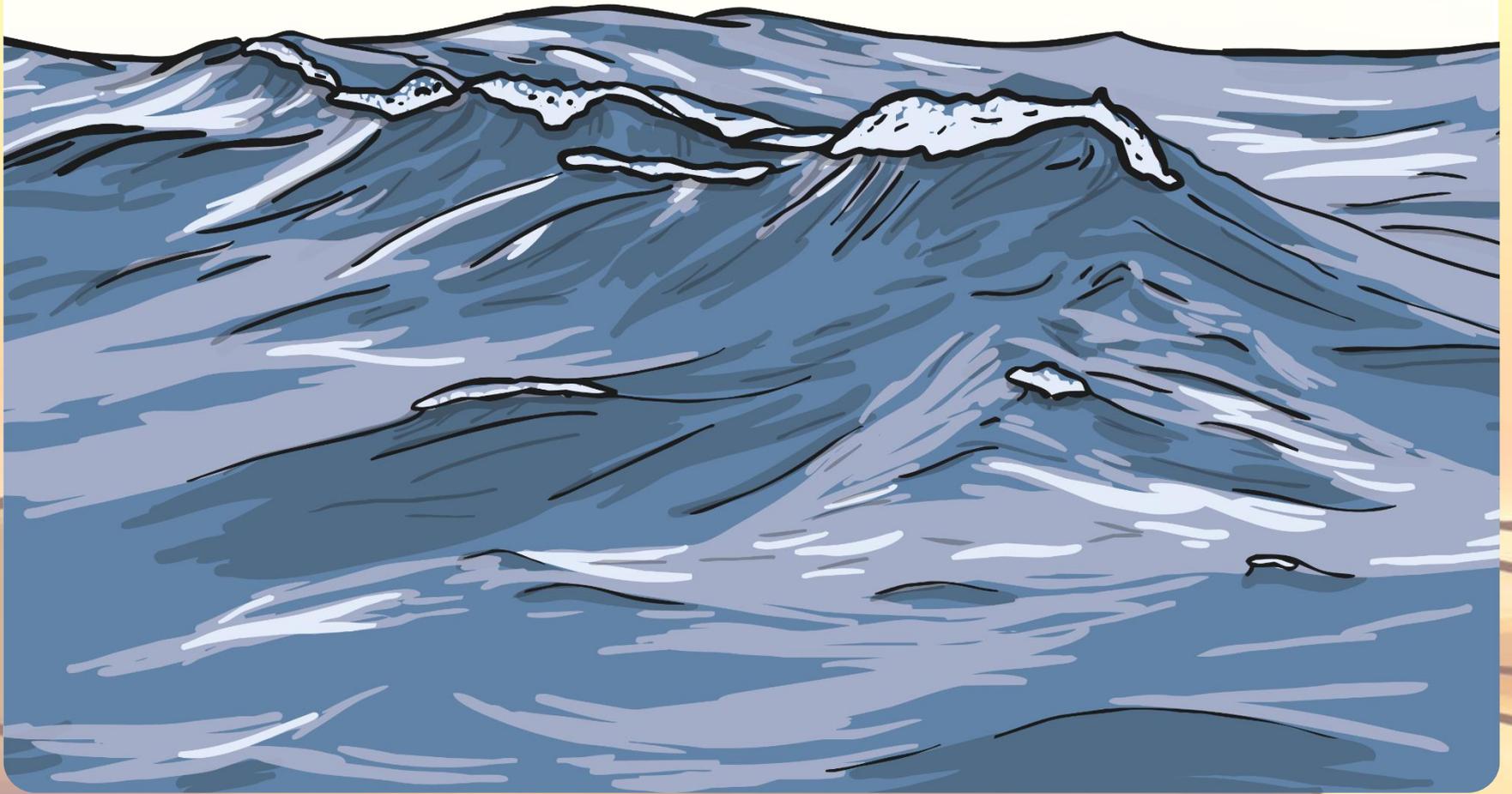
You might start arguing or become bored.

The Israelites were becoming angry and thought that they would never reach the promised land.

The next day, the ground was covered with a white food that tasted like honey. God also sent a flock of birds called quails, which they cooked and ate.



When their water ran out, God told Moses to strike a rock with his rod. As he did, water rushed out and they all had enough to drink.

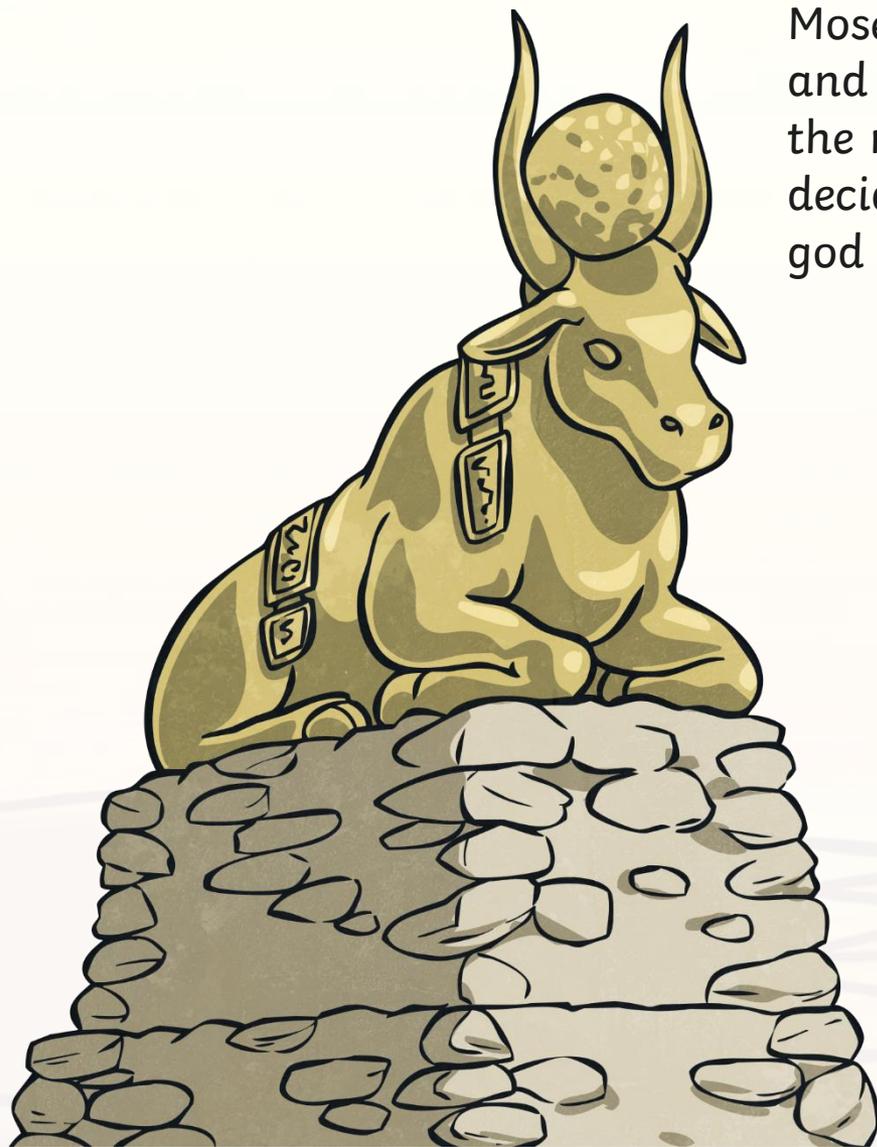


After three months of travelling, the Hebrews arrived at the foot of Mount Sinai. God called Moses to meet him at the top of the mountain. As he climbed up, there was a thunderstorm.



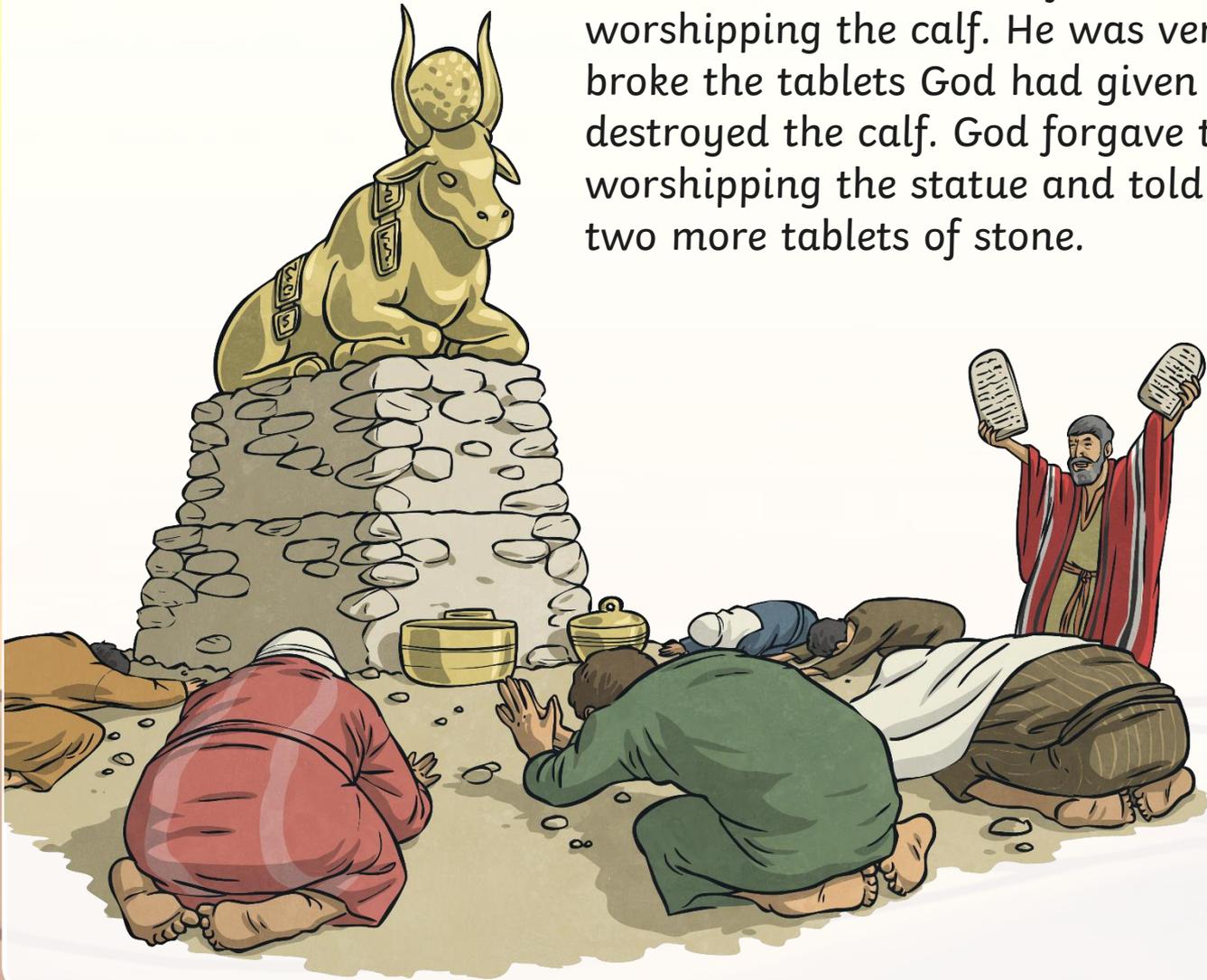
At the top of the mountain, God gave Moses ten laws which told the people how to live. These Ten Commandments were written on two stone tablets.





Moses was gone for a very long time, and the people waiting at the foot of the mountain grew impatient. They decided to make themselves another god to worship. It was a golden calf.

Then Moses returned to find the people worshipping the calf. He was very shocked. He broke the tablets God had given him and destroyed the calf. God forgave the people for worshipping the statue and told Moses to cut two more tablets of stone.





Moses took the stone tablets up the mountain and God gave him the Ten Commandments again. When he came down, all the people listened to Moses as he told them what God had said. Moses promised God that the Hebrews would keep all of the commandments.

Activity 2



Think back to the Ten Commandments that God gave Moses.

What 10 rules for life on earth today would you create to help make a better world?

Create a poster with the 10 commandments that you would ensure people had to follow.

You might want to think about the following:

- Think about how you should treat others?
- How should you behave towards other people?
- What should you be grateful for in life?
- What should you always try to do every day?
- What rules should people follow so that the world is a better place?

Here is some vocabulary and phrases which might help you:

grateful	happy	generous	kindness	not jealous	appreciate others
respect	tolerance	obey rules	listen	understanding	not prejudiced

The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Which three commandments do you think are the most important?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- Always/Never...
- You should/should not...
- Every day...

Activity 3

Choose a storyboard template to retell the story of Moses and the Exodus.

Activity 4

- 1. What would it mean to Moses to be chosen by God?**
- 2. How would you have felt if you were Moses and God told you that you would not reach the Promised Land?**
- 3. How would you feel if you had been effected by the plagues?**
- 4. What would you have carried with you on your journey if you were one of the Israelites?**

Activity 5

Design a newspaper advert.

Pretend that you are Moses. You need to design an advert in a newspaper that persuades people to join you on your journey.

You will need:

A catchy slogan (alliteration, rhyming words, puns).

A statement saying why you need people to join you.

Exaggeration using words like 'best' and 'most'.

Ask the reader questions that will make them think that they would need to do this.

Explain why the reader should join you on your journey.

