

Leader: On the  
journey of life.

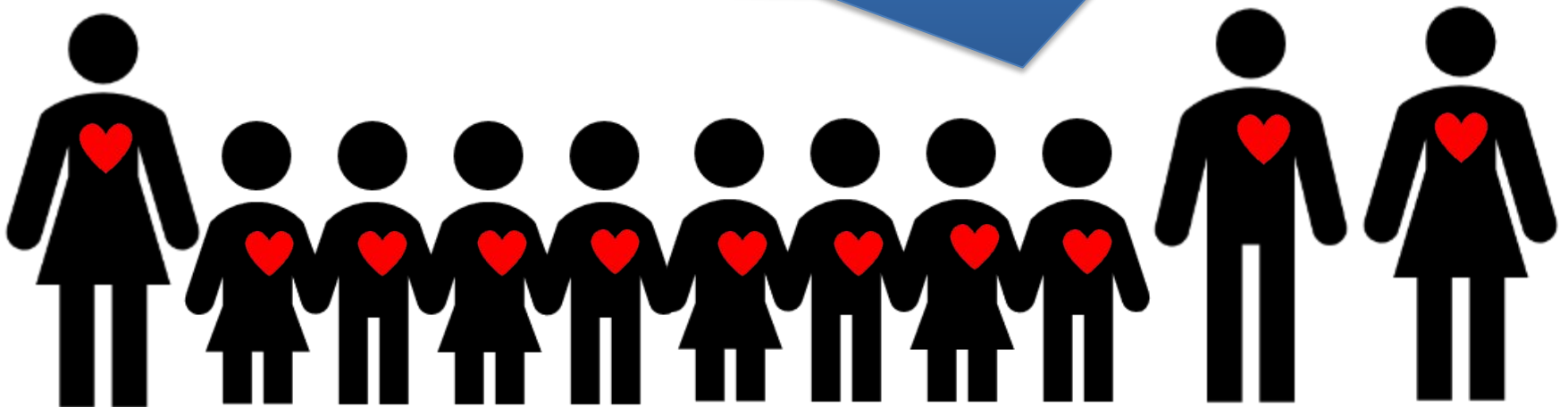


Children: We are glad to be  
together as a school  
community.



**Leader: As we gather  
today....**

**Children: May we learn  
from each other and hear  
from God.**



**As we grow, we have to learn how to make wise choices about the things that we put first in our own lives.**



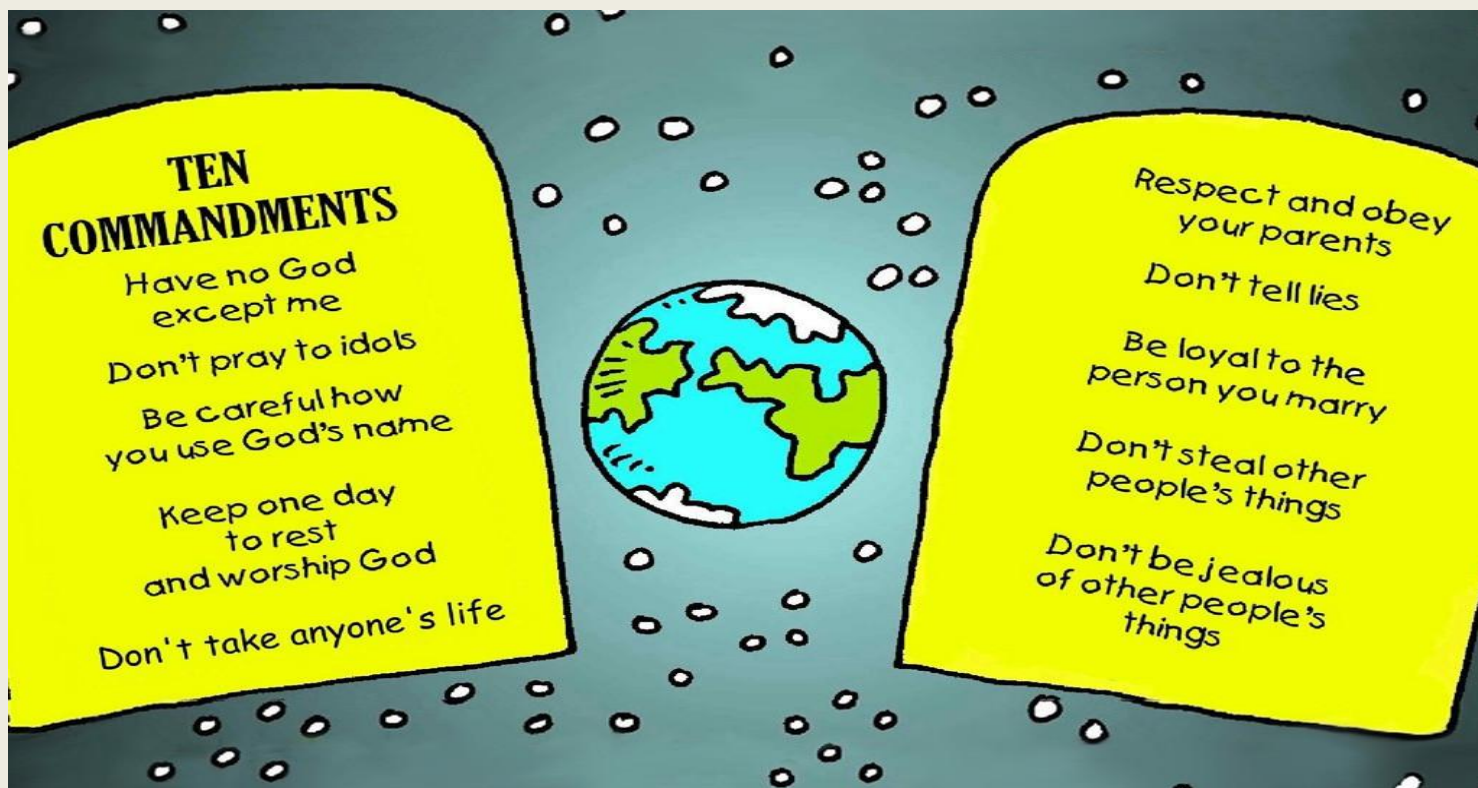


**The Great Scone Debate:**

**Jam or Cream  
on first?**

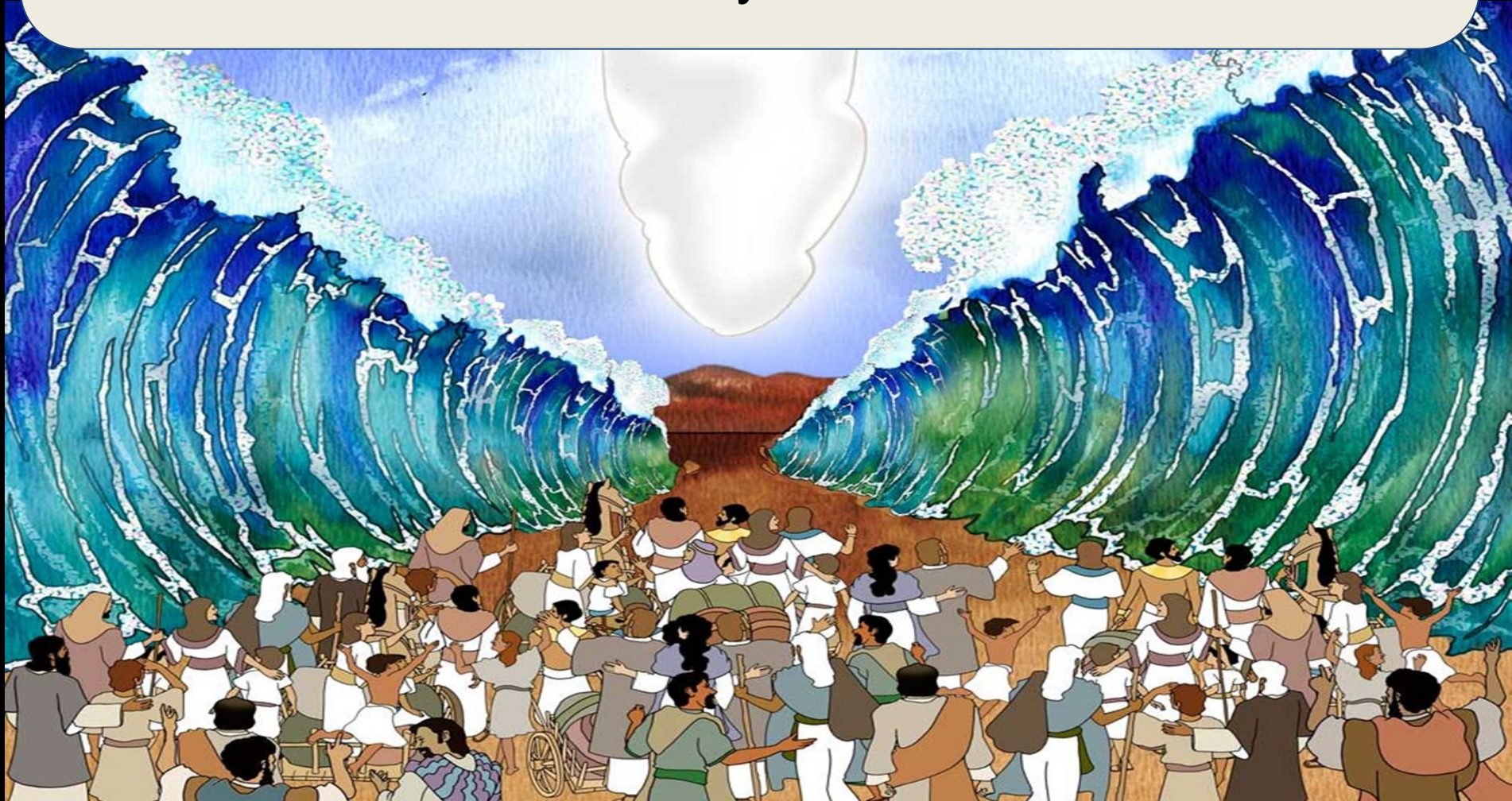


We heard about how God gave Moses 10 good rules to help people live well together & know the important things they should put first.



I wonder what 'living well' together means to you? What does it look like?

God himself had opened the sea up right in front of the Israelites and kept the waters back until they were all safely through to the other side. God had promised them a land where they would be free forever.



## Diversion




But now it felt like they'd taken a **wrong turn**, because they were stuck in the desert and they didn't know where they were going. God's people wondered if they would ever find their promised home. And so they complained, just like every other person who's been on a long journey.... "Are we nearly there yet?!"



At that moment, God sent Moses up into the mountains and gave him ten good rules to help the people know how to live good lives. 'These good rules will keep you safe and show others that I am your God, and you are my people'.





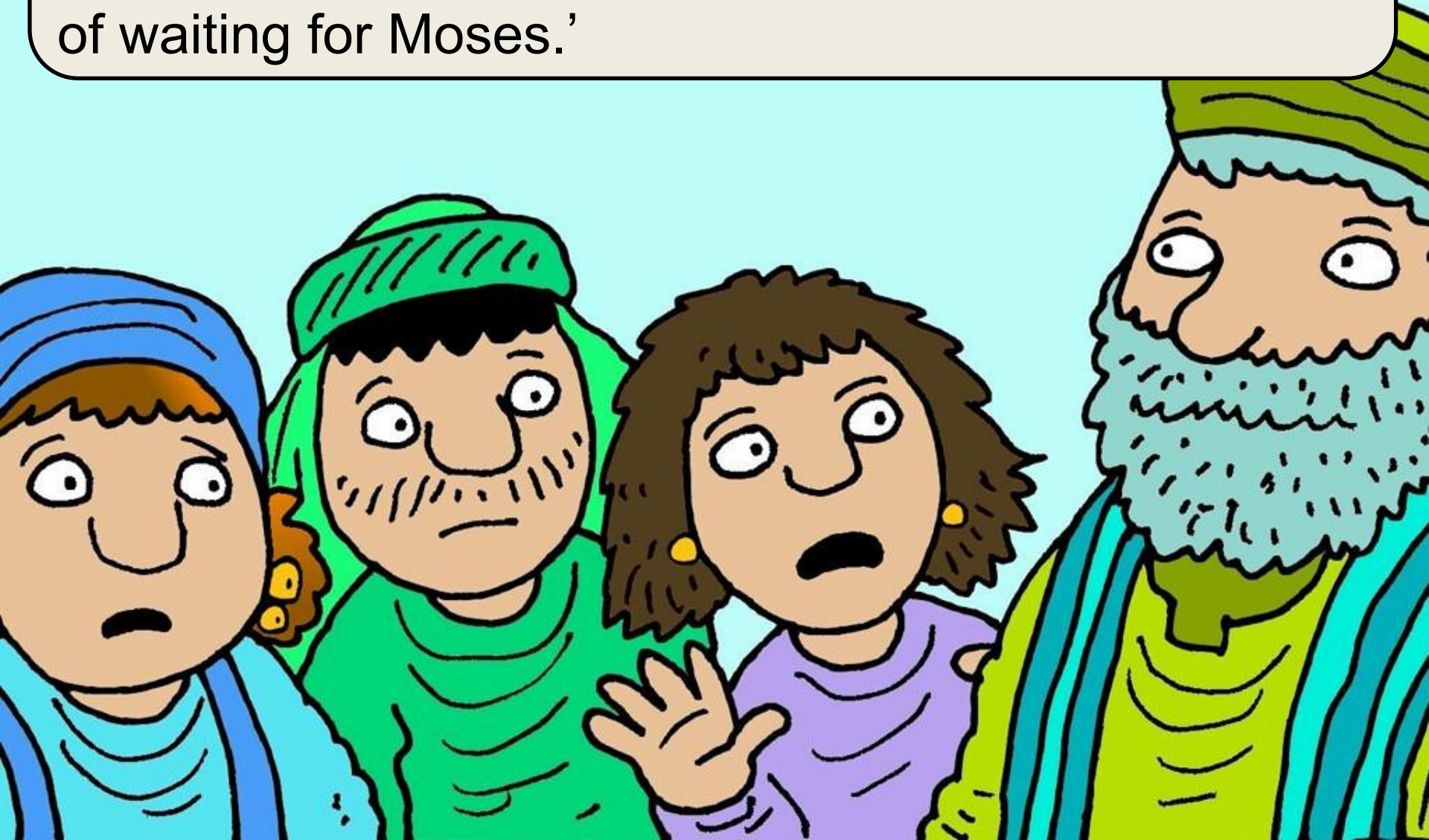
**Aaron & Joshua were left in charge. The people waited for a very long time...**

**I wonder what the people were thinking?**

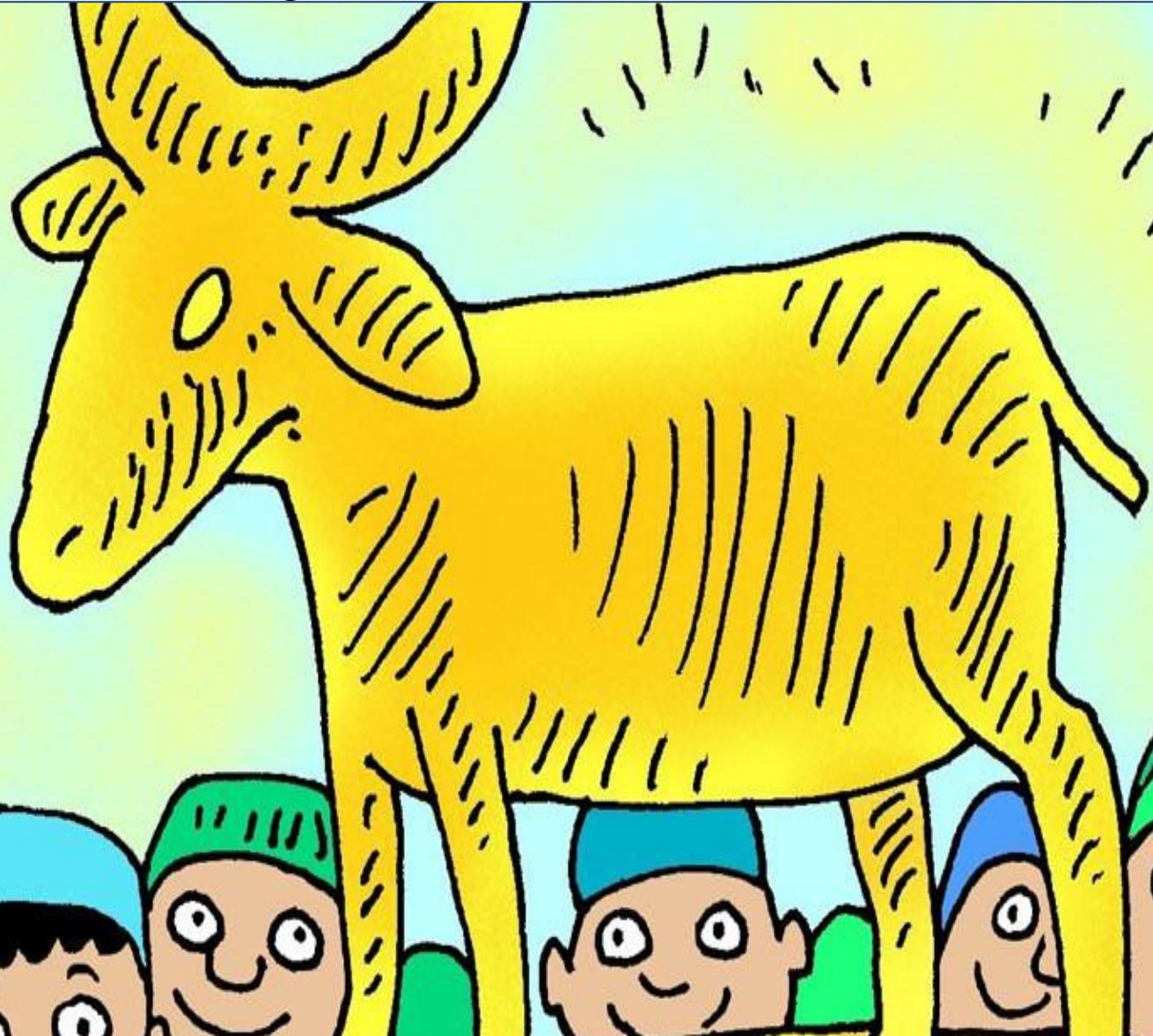
They waited 40 days for Moses to come back down the mountain. It seemed so long that they thought he must have gone forever!



‘We don’t know what has happened to Moses,’ the people complained.  
‘We will make our own god,’ they said. ‘We are tired of waiting for Moses.’



Aaron told the people to bring their gold earrings to make into a god. He melted the gold in a very hot fire and made a statue of a calf out of gold.





‘Tomorrow we will have a feast and pray to our new god,’ he said. ‘Go home and prepare a meat offering to burn on the altar.’

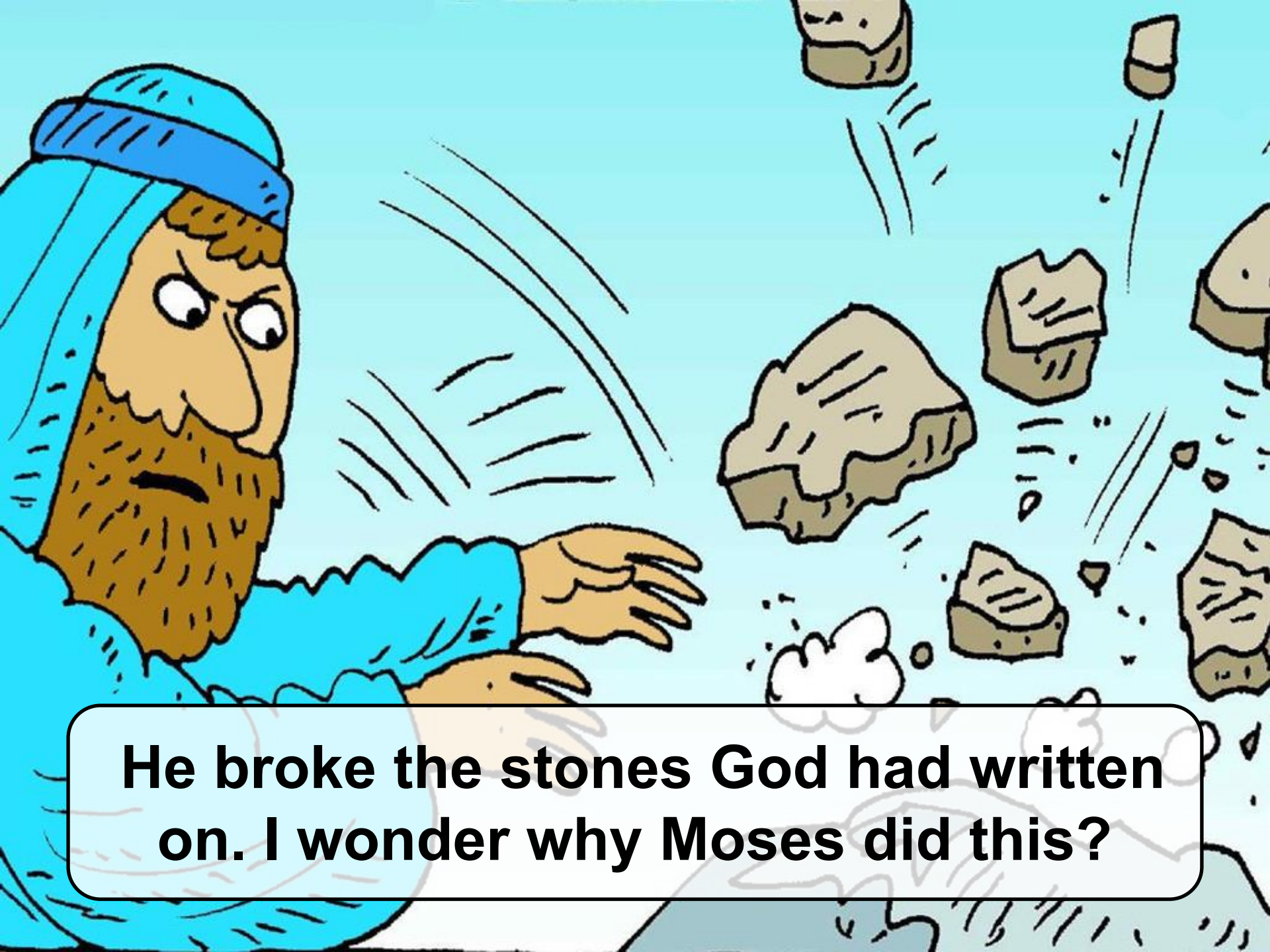


The next day they burnt their offerings and danced and sang. But a calf made out of gold was not a real, living god and could not hear, or answer prayer.



Moses came down from the mountain, carrying the Ten Good Rules.

I wonder what he said to the people after seeing what they had done?



**He broke the stones God had written on. I wonder why Moses did this?**





Moses was very disappointed with what the people had done. Then everyone remembered how God had saved them and they were sorry.



Moses went back up the mountain again, with two new stones. God gave Moses the new rules again. 'Tell the people to live by these good rules,' God said. 'Help them to remember. I wonder if they will?'



**Our story this week reminded us of how the Israelites didn't put God first...and how disappointed Moses was.**



**I wonder what it might mean for someone to 'put God first'?**

**I wonder what's first in your life?....**

**I wonder how our times together at school help us to focus on things that we could 'put first'?**



**Dear God,  
Please help us to make wise  
choices about the things that we  
put first in our own lives.  
May these things help us to live  
well together as a school  
community.  
Amen**

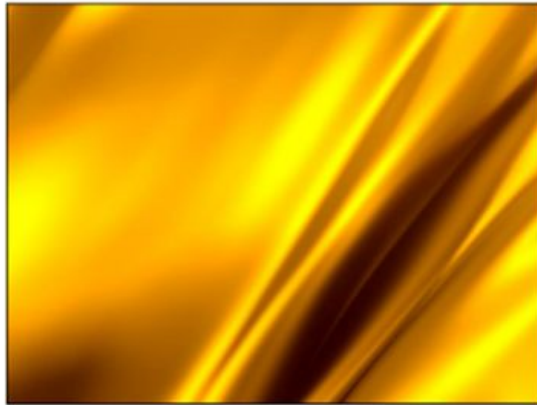




***Leader:*** As we leave this place & time and go into the day ahead...

***All:*** May today's words help us to become a stronger community.





## *What's first?*



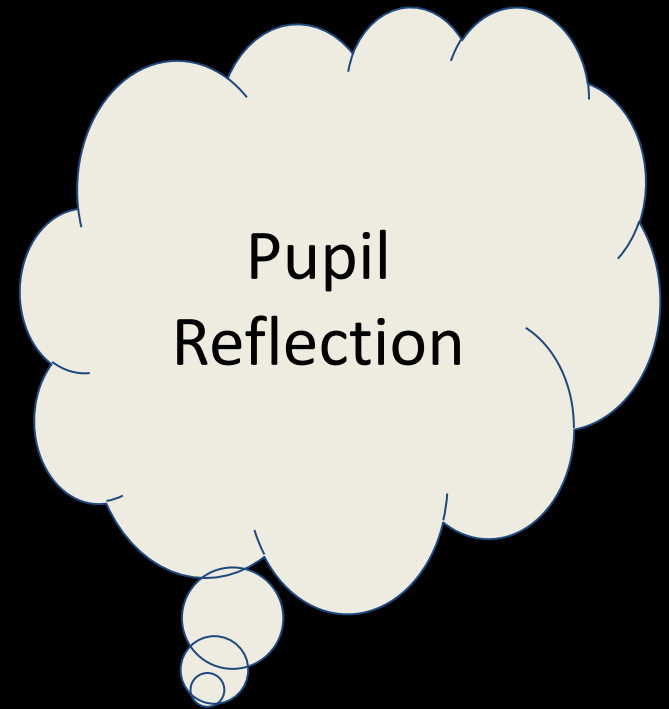
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Which things do you 'put first' in your life? Maybe God is one of them.....  
How do you show what you put first?



Take a small piece of special gold paper. Write on it something that you want to put first in your own life.



Pupil  
Reflection



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