



## Family Worship Guide: *Lesson 12*

### Wilderness Failure

## Main Idea

Because of the Israelites' disobedience in the wilderness, God disciplined them. Their idolatry and disbelief were met with sickness, death, and exclusion from the promised land. God continues to discipline His sons and daughters as a loving Father.

## Parents Read Ahead of Time

- ✠ *Exodus 32*
- ✠ *Numbers 14*
- ✠ *Hebrews 12:3-11*

## Read Together Aloud

- ✠ *Exodus 32*
- ✠ *Number 14*

## Lesson Review

- Q** How did Israel disobey God while Moses was on the mountain?
- A** They made a golden calf and worshiped it instead of the true God.
- Q** What did Israel do wrong when they reached the promised land?
- A** They refused to trust God's promise and would not enter the land.
- Q** How did God discipline His people for their sin?



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- A** He sent judgment, sickness, and wandering, and kept that entire generation from entering the land.
- Q** Why does God discipline His people?
- A** Because He loves them and uses discipline to turn their hearts back to Him.
- Q** Who interceded for Israel, pointing us to Jesus?
- A** Moses prayed for the people, showing us the greater intercession of Christ.

## Catechism Connection - Baptist Catechism (1693)

- Q** What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?
- A** God entered into a covenant of life with Adam upon condition of perfect obedience.
- Q** Q13. Did our first parents continue in the state wherein they were created?
- A** No. They fell by sinning against God.
- Q** Q14. What is sin?
- A** Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God

## Family Devotion Questions

- Q** Why was the golden calf such a serious sin?
- Q** What does idolatry look like in our lives today?
- Q** Why did Israel refuse to enter the promised land?

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- Q What does unbelief reveal about our hearts?
- Q How does God discipline His children now?
- Q How does Christ intercede for us, even when we fail?
- Q When God disciplines us, how should we respond?

### Prayer

*Loving Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for showing us Your holiness and love in the story of Israel's wilderness failure. Help us to hate sin, trust Your promises, and obey Your Word. When You discipline us, remind us that You do so as a loving Father. Make our hearts soft to Your correction and quick to repent. Thank You for Jesus, our perfect Mediator, who intercedes for us and leads us safely home.*

*Amen.*