

about. I assure you that my Angel shall travel on ahead of you. However, when I come to visit these people, I will punish them for their sins."

²⁵And the Lord sent a great plague upon the people because they had worshiped Aaron's calf.

- **Remember:** Who made the golden calf? (32:4) What did he melt to make the calf? (32:2-4) What did these people say this calf had done for them? (32:8) Why do you think God chose Moses instead of Aaron to lead his people? What would you like to say to Aaron about making this golden calf? What would you like to say to the people about worshipping this golden calf?
- **Discover:** Don't let people tempt you to do something God says is wrong. When God punishes you for sinning, don't blame others. Blame yourself.

• **Apply:** "Come on, let's do it," a friend says. "Nobody will know!" What will you say? Who will know? Who will get hurt?

• **What's next?** Have you ever seen a person's face glow? In Exodus 34 you will read of a man who had to put on a veil. His face was so bright no one could look at it. ■

The People Are Sorry

33 The Lord said to Moses, "Lead these people you brought from Egypt. Take them to the land I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I said, 'I will give this land to your descendants.' ²I will send an Angel before you. He will drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. ³It is a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' But I will not travel among you. For you are a stubborn, unruly people. And I would be tempted to destroy you along the way."

⁴When the people heard these stern words, they went into mourning. They

