

# CHURCH@HOME

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**Read:** Exodus 33:12-23

**Reflect:** What is Moses’ goal in verse 13? Is his goal worthwhile?

**Discuss:** In this chapter, Moses is meeting with God right after the people have been worshipping a golden calf. The people gave excuses: “You were gone so long’ we needed a god to lead us.” Even Aaron argues that the calf just jumped out of the fire (Ex. 32:24)! In what ways have you put off having a right relationship with God?

**Activity:** Think through the goals and motives you are currently working toward. Take the time to write them down. Try to rank each goal by priority. What tops your list? What excuses have you used to impede yourself?

**Pray:** Read verse 18 again. Use this as a prayer for this week. It is the perfect intro to our Lent Cross Prayer.

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We all give excuses sometimes. See what kind of excuses you can come up with for these situations: Not doing homework, missing the bus, telling a lie, hitting someone.

**No Excuses:** Think about God as a friend. How much time do you spend with him? Would God know that you consider him a good friend? What excuses do you give for not spending time with God? Work together as a family to get rid of these excuses. Consider making a “no excuse” notecard. Attach it to the fridge or bathroom mirror as a reminder.

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