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2. How does devotion to an object or ideal affect a person's lifestyle?
3. When the apostle Paul visited Thessalonica, in Macedonia, and talked to them about Jesus, many became Christians. Paul later wrote to them saying, "You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." 1 Thessalonians 1:9. Why would people turn from their cultural norm of worshiping objects to worshiping the living and true God? How do you suppose their lives changed because of their new faith?
4. The painting on the other side of the card gets its story from the Hebrew people who built a golden calf and worshiped it after God, the Creator of heaven and earth, delivered them from slavery in Egypt. Draw what comes to mind when you hear the word, "worship." Explain your drawing to the others in your group.

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