



Session 9



GOD'S LAWS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:1-4; 26:1-13

Largely ignored by modern Christians, the Book of Leviticus was one of the first books taught to Jewish children. This rich book is full of theological doctrine surrounding the sacrificial system in place before Jesus became the final sacrifice for sin. The book focuses on people's relationship with God as it relates to sin. While sin exists because of the fall of Adam and Eve, God provided a way for sin to be forgiven. The Book of Leviticus shares how sinful people can be reconciled to a holy God.

God defines Himself to be holy. The holiness of God is something that man cannot achieve on his own. It comes from God who is holy. God desires that His people be holy, just as God is holy. The Ten Commandments were given to the people to provide a model to follow as they kept their lives pure and focused on God. Much of Leviticus highlights those commands and expands upon them to give specific ways in which God's followers can be holy as God is holy.

God shared through Moses in the Book of Leviticus the key to a righteous and joyful life—do what God said and worship only Him. God knew the pagan practices the people were exposed to in Egypt, and the evil they would be exposed to in the Canaanites' land—the land to which God was leading His people. God did not want Israel to be corrupted by these pagans, but instead to follow and worship only Him. God's blessing was the promise that accompanied this faithfulness to Him.

In Leviticus 26 God clearly defined specific blessings that would occur if the people were faithful to Him. God would send rain at the right time, crops would flourish, grapes and other fruit would be abundant, and the land would flourish. God also promised that safety and security from the Israelites' enemies would be ensured. God's people would experience freedom when they lived for God and followed Him only.

SESSION FOCUS

TEXT TRUTH

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BIBLE STORY

Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:1-4; 26:1-13

BIBLE VERSE

Leviticus 22:31

CHRIST IN CONTEXT

The Book of Leviticus details the laws that the Israelites were required to follow to remain in relationship with God. Jesus fulfilled the Law, and through Him we can have a relationship with God.

BIBLE SKILLS: Preschoolers will . . .

- Name a few Bible books in order.
- Know the Bible is a book that people use at church and home.



CONNECT WITH FAMILIES

Provide these weekly resources to help families explore the Bible together.

- Explore the Bible at Home (Printable: Music & Print Extras)
- Preschool Activity Page
- Preschool Family Card

MISSIONS ACTIVITY: LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BIBLE



Tools: Bible, 1 or 2 preschool books about the Bible, Book: God's Rules for Me (Pack Item 31), audio Bible CD (easy to understand translation) or digital device with audio Bible app

- Show a child the Bible CD or digital device.
- Say: "Some people like to listen to the Bible while they work or drive. This CD has some Bible stories that we can listen to while we play in our room. Let's listen together."
- Locate a track or section on the CD that features Scripture or Bible story content that is familiar or recognizable to your group of children. Listen for a few minutes, then talk about what you heard. Locate the related Scripture passage in the Bible and show it to the children.
- Read the book to the children and comment that missionaries help people learn about God and what He wants people to do.

LEADER TIP!

Include this special missions-focused activity in addition to preschoolers' Bible Explorations.

LEADER TIP!

If possible, play a Bible verse spoken in a different language.

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BIBLE VERSE

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LEADER TIP!

Add the LEVITICUS strip to the Crossword Clues Door Poster (Pack Item 25).

LEADER TIP

You choose! Are your preschoolers ready to learn memory verses? Decide which wording of the session Bible verse you want to use with your group.

GOD'S LAWS FOR THE PEOPLE

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God helped His people, the Israelites, leave the land of Egypt. God chose Moses to lead the people to a new land called Canaan.

God loved the people and wanted them to love and obey Him. God knew that sometimes this was hard for the people, and they forgot about the commandments God had given the people after they escaped from Egypt. God knew that His people needed to follow His laws so they could be like Him and enjoy God's love and care.

One day God talked to Moses. God said, "Tell the people I am their God. They must not follow the laws of Egypt where they once lived, or even the laws of the land of Canaan where they are going. The people must obey My laws because I am God."

God told Moses more. "Tell the people to respect their mothers and fathers. They must keep the Sabbath (God's day for resting). The people must never make idols or statues to worship."

God loved His people. He said that when His people obeyed Him, God would bless them and give them all they needed—crops and animals and food. God would protect the people and bring peace to their land.

God said, "Obey Me. I will give you children, and I will be with you."

BIBLE VERSE

From the Bible text:

Keep my commands and do them. Leviticus 22:31

Paraphrase:

Keep My commands and do them. Leviticus 22:31



CIRCLE TIME (10-15 MINUTES, DEPENDING ON YOUR AGE GROUP)

GATHER

- Tell boys and girls to listen to your words and follow your instructions.
- Say a movement chant: *Give a smile. Turn around. Show ten fingers. Now sit down.*
- Remark: “Thank you for obeying my instructions. God wanted His people to obey Him, but the people did not always do that. Today we will hear another story about Moses and what God told Moses to do.”

HEAR THE BIBLE STORY

- Read today’s Text Truth from the Clothesline Add-on. Attach the Add-on to the Text Truth Clothesline.
- Open the Bible to Leviticus. Show children the Bible book name on the page. Begin the Bible story, telling it in your own words.
- Show preschoolers the Story Picture and point to Moses and the people listening to him. Say: “One more time Moses told the people how they were to live and obey God.”
- Form two groups. Lead one group to say “Obey God” and the other group to say “Love Him.” Repeat.

PRACTICE BIBLE SKILLS

- Put together the Old Testament Bible Books Puzzle.
- Point to the first three books of the Bible and say them. Guide boys and girls to repeat: *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus*. Say the books in order several times.
- Comment: “God gave laws to His people to follow during Bible times. But God’s rules are for everyone, including us. Let’s read a book and think about how we can obey God’s laws, or rules, at home with our families.”
- Read the Book: *God’s Rules for Me*.

PRAY

- Ask God to help us obey Him and keep His commands. Thank Him for loving us even when we do not obey.

TOOLS

- Bible
- Music & Print Extras

PACK ITEMS

- 9 Story Picture: God’s Laws for the People
- 16 Bible Verse Markers
- 17 Text Truth Clothesline
- 18 Clothesline Add-ons
- 20 Bible Books Puzzles
- 31 Book: *God’s Rules for Me*

LEADER TIP!

Show preschoolers where the Book of Leviticus is located on the Bible Timeline for Kids.

EXPLORATION STATIONS (45-60 MINUTES)

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PACK ITEMS

9 Story Picture: God's Laws
for the People
16 Bible Verse Markers
36 Stretches Picture Cube

Set up at least three stations to provide choices of multisensory activities and movement for busy preschoolers. Use the Bible in every exploration.

CREATE A HEART MOBILE

Tools: Bible, plastic straws, yarn, scissors, heart shapes cut from heavy paper, hole punch, thin-line washable markers

- Thread a 24-inch piece of yarn through each straw. Tie the yarn pieces together to make the mobile hanger.
- Give a child several heart shapes. Suggest she draw pictures of things that help her think about God and His love.
- When the child finishes drawing, punch holes near the top of the heart shapes.
- Help the child thread shorter yarn pieces through the hole punches. Tie the hearts to the hanger.
- Say: "When I see a heart shape, I think about love."
- Open the Bible to the Book of Leviticus. Say: "Moses wrote about loving and obeying God."

CLIP LETTER PINS

Tools: Bible, Preschool Family Card, shoe box, spring-type clothespins, marker

- Write the letters of the word *Leviticus* on the ends of the clothespins.
- Write on the long side of the box the word *Leviticus* in large letters.
- Lay the Preschool Family Card in the box.
- When a child shows interest, help him name the letters on the pins. Guide the child to clip the pins on the box above the same letters.
- Say: "The letters spell the name of a Bible book. It is *Leviticus*."
- Look at the Family Card and tell the Bible story.

STRETCH & SAY

Tools: Bible; Stretches Picture Cube; Bible Verse Markers; marker; cards with these words printed on them: commands, Leviticus, love, obey, Moses, God; handled bag

- Put the cards and Verse Marker in the bag.
- Tumble the Stretches Cube to get children's attention.
- Name a child to have a turn. Tell her to tumble the cube and do the stretch.
- Next, tell the child to get a card from the bag. Whisper the word or verse to the child. Tell her to stretch again and say the word.
- Give other children turns to stretch and say words.
- As words are spoken, relate them to today's Bible story or Bible verse. For example, say: "*Leviticus*. Leviticus is the place in the Bible where we read about God's commands."
- Or say: "*Obey*. God said to obey His commands."

MAKE A HANDPRINT

Tools: Bible, copy paper, marker, tempera paint, smock, cleanup supplies, Story Picture: God's Laws for the People

- Write on each sheet of paper today's Bible verse.
- After a child puts on a smock, give him a paper and paint to make a handprint.
- Read the words on the child's paper. Say: "We learn about God's commands when we read the Bible. Moses wrote the commands in the Book of Leviticus."
- While the child makes handprints, open the Bible to Leviticus 22:31.
- Say: "This is where we read what God told the people. God wants us to know how to live. The Bible helps us learn what we should do."
- Show the Story Picture as you tell the Bible story to the child.

WALK TO A WALL

Tools: Bible

- Form two groups of children. Direct groups to stand at opposite walls.
- Form lines and face each other. Lead one group to say "Obey God" and the other group to say "Love Him." Repeat a few times.
- Give a child in one group a Bible. Instruct him to walk quickly across the room to the other group. Tell the child to hand the Bible to a friend and say "Obey God."
- Tell the second child to walk across the room and hand the Bible to someone and say "Love Him."
- Give everyone a turn to walk with the Bible.
- Open the Bible to show that the Book of Leviticus is in the Old Testament.
- Say: "Moses wrote this Bible book."