



Zoom

The Book of Leviticus

BIG IDEA:	Jesus is the ultimate atonement, so we can put our faith in Him.
BIBLE BASIS:	The Book of Leviticus
KEY VERSE:	"[Jesus] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the world." 1 John 2:2 (NIV)

SCHEDULE

ESTIMATES

WELCOME KIDS AND FREETIME

6:15 PM

SMALL GROUP CONNECT

6:30 PM

WORSHIP

6:45 PM

JTS SHOW & DISCUSSION

7:00 PM

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

7:30 PM

GYM TIME?

7:45 PM

PICK UP TIME AND FREETIME

7:55 PM

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

There is one popular home improvement show in particular that I love to watch. The show centers on a couple who fix up homes. Another thread of the show follows the couple's family and home life. After just a few episodes, I got the impression that the husband and wife were Christ-followers. Sure enough, I found out recently that they are! As soon as I found out, I exclaimed, "I knew it!" Nothing was said or alluded to in the show, but something in the way they live stands out and points others (at least me) to God. Their actions truly do speak louder than words.

The Israelites were God's chosen people, chosen to represent Him in front of all the other nations. As a result, God had a standard of behavior for the Israelites that set them apart from everyone else and pointed directly to His influence. The goal was for the Jewish nation to intrigue others about God through the way they lived and how they were blessed by God.

There's a parallel here. One of our goals as Christ-followers should be to live in a way that points others to Christ without us even needing to mention His name. We should strive to live in a holy way so that when someone finds out you are a Christ-follower, they also exclaim, "I knew it!"

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

Using Kid-friendly Language

It may be true that we've been washed in the blood of Jesus for the atonement of our sins and the redemption of our souls, but you might want to pause before telling that to a kid. The Christian faith is rich with imagery and vocabulary! To a kid, though, some of it might be confusing, overwhelming, and even frightening at times. If you don't want your kids to look at you like you're speaking Klingon, consider the following advice:

Be mindful of your language. The biggest part of solving a problem is recognizing that it exists. For some of us, we don't even realize that the words we're using with kids are a little advanced.

Develop a kid-thesaurus. No — that's not a dinosaur! Begin developing kid-friendly language to replace some of the bigger words you might use. For example, instead of saying "redeemed," you might say "set free." Instead of saying "washed in the blood," you might say "forgiven of our sins."

Be intentional with new words. Not only is it okay to introduce new words to kids, it's instrumental. Part of developing kids into functioning members of the church is helping them understand the language, but be purposeful with your new words instead of just using them haphazardly.

Don't introduce too many new words too quickly. It can take kids a little bit of time to understand and absorb new words and concepts. If you throw too many new words at them too quickly, they may not remember any of them.

Use the word, define the word, use the word. When you introduce kids to a new word, first use it in its right context. Next, define the word using simple and clear language. Finally, use the word multiple times so kids can really digest it. You may even want to have the kids repeat the word after you so they can really familiarize themselves with it.

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SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Remind kids about being respectful.

1. **Respect God** - Worship, listen, use kind words
2. **Respect People** - Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. **Respect the Building** - Take care of the space & supplies

Question: Is there one day of the year that's the most special to you? What is it and why?

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY — THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

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★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lil Climbers Will Join Us

Open with worship.

Lil Climbers Leave

Leah will introduce the series.

Watch Journey Today Show – There are 3 sections that will pause a couple times for reading and discussion.

1ST VIDEO PAUSE:

Read Leviticus 16:2-10

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading, answer the following questions:

For Younger Kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the Book of Leviticus?
2. What did you learn about God from the Book of Leviticus?

For Older Kids:

1. What do you think the Book of Leviticus shows us about God?
2. How does the Day of Atonement remind you of what Jesus did for us?

2ND VIDEO PAUSE:

Ask: Why do you think it's so important that Jesus' death atoned for (or "covered up") your sins? Why is that a good thing?



★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

STAY ON TARGET (Application Activity)

Say: In the Book of Leviticus, we learned about the Day of Atonement. Atonement means to “cover up.” The blood of the bull and goat atoned for or “covered up” the sins of the people. Whose blood atones for our sins now? (*Take answer.*) That’s right — Jesus is the ultimate atonement! We’re going to play a game right now that will remind us that we all have sins that need atoning.

Directions: Place the printed target on the floor in the middle of the group and have the kids sit about 3 feet away. Give each kid in your group a coin. Tell the kids that the object of the game is for every kid to land their coin on the target in the same round. Count to 3 and have the kids flick their coin (as if a coin toss) into the air toward the target. Discourage the kids from leaning too far forward in order to make it easy. If younger kids struggle with flicking their coin, they can toss it. Inevitably, some or most of the coins will miss the target. Have the kids retrieve their coin and prepare for the next round. Continue playing round after round until it becomes apparent that someone is always going to miss the target. When finished collect the coins.

Say: Did anyone hit the target every single time? (*Kids respond.*) We all miss the target sometimes. It’s the same with sin. No matter how hard we try to obey God, we all sin.

Question: What are some ways that you have “missed the target” or sinned this week?

Question: Does knowing that your sins are atoned for or covered make you feel like it’s okay to sin more? Why or why not? (*Answer: It shouldn’t! Read Romans 6:1-2*)

Question: How can we show God that we’re thankful for His atonement through Jesus?