



Children's Material

Age 4- 9 years old

Lesson 1

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OVERVIEW OF LEVITICUS

Overview of Leviticus

These Children's Materials are inspired by the book Leviticus. For the book to be accessible to children, concepts from the book are given "handles" through the telling of bible stories. The intention is to have both adults and children study similar bible materials at the same time to encourage the unity of families in Christ. These suggested materials are therefore meant to facilitate the children's programme of inter-generational small groups.

You can use these Children's Materials to plan a children's programme of 45-60 mins (excluding worship, prayer, free play etc). The basic components are as follows and all or part of each component may be used in any sequence –

Activities / Games

Bible Story / Stories

Craft Work

The suggestion is for parents to tell bible stories using materials or toys from home e.g. lego men figurines and/or puppets to represent bible characters etc. Play dough may also be creatively used from lesson to lesson to illustrate the bible stories.

It is essential that all parents pray and prepare before the "lesson" proper. In addition to studying the bible and specific references, the source book – Leviticus A 12-week study – should also be read. Indeed, the "lesson" is only the beginning and it is our heart's desire that you continue to walk with your children over these materials well *after* the "lesson". Amen.

SUMMARY

What – Tabernacle of God

Why – God's provision for forgiveness of sin

When – First month of the operation of tabernacle

Where – At the foot of Mount Sinai

GOALS FOR EACH CHILD

1. Understand that God has provided a way for our forgiveness of sins since OT times
2. Jesus has come to be the atonement for our sins
3. Prayer – We will understand what Jesus has done for us on the cross
4. Prayer – We will truly accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour

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A. Activities / Games

A1. Building of a tent (5-10 minutes)

Materials Needed

- table cloth
- string
- table and chairs

Form small groups of about 6 children of varying ages. Get the children to build a tent using the above materials, tying the strings onto the table and chairs. Use the table and chair as the backbone of the tent and table cloth as the covering.

A2. Watch a video of the tabernacle of God (5 minutes)

Explain to the children that after the Israelites left Egypt and before they entered the Promised Land, God asked them to build a tent for Him. It is called a tabernacle. It is a special tent where the Israelites worship God. Briefly explain all people can stay within the outer tents but only the priests and High Priest can go into the inner tent. Priests are the ones who help people to worship God by teaching them about God and showing them how to worship God. Only the High Priest can enter onto the Holy of Holies. Play the video from this link for a visual presentation of the tabernacle (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mFGsLEpKKk>).

B. Bible Story

(Cf. Source Book – Pages 7-10)

Use the children's personal bible books to share the Bible Story. As an introduction, share with the children that when God asked the Israelites to build the tabernacle, He gave very specific instructions about what material to use, where the items should be placed and how big or small each item should be. God also gave very specific instructions about the ways and times that people perform the tasks in the tabernacle. These tasks are rituals that the Israelites have to carry out for the forgiveness of their sins. Everyone does wrong and sins against God. God has provided a way for them to receive His forgiveness.

In the bible text, let the children know that the second room (v7) and inner room (v7) refer to the Holy of Holies or Most Holy Place which only the high priest can enter once a year. This is the place God dwells. The Holy tent (v8, 11) in the text is also known as tabernacle. For the children to better understand the bible story, explain that Jesus entered the Most Holy Place with His own blood refers to Jesus' death on the cross, to be that sacrifice to pay for our sins.

Earthly Tabernacle versus Jesus (Hebrews 9:7-14) ICB (international Children's Bible)

Verse	Suggested Emphasis	4-5yo	6-7yo	8-9yo
7	But only the high priest could go into the second room, and he did that only once a year. He could never enter the inner room without taking blood with him. He offered that blood to God for himself and for the people's sins. These were sins people did without knowing that they were sinning.	♥	♥	♥
8	The Holy Spirit uses this to show that the way into the Most Holy Place was not open. This was while the system of the old Holy Tent was still being used.		♥	♥
9	This is an example for the present time. It shows that the gifts and sacrifices offered cannot make the worshiper perfect in his heart.			♥
10	These gifts and sacrifices were only about food and drink and special washings. They were rules for the body, to be followed until the time of God's new way.			♥
11	But Christ has come as the high priest of the good things we now have. The tent	♥	♥	♥

	he entered is greater and more perfect. It is not made by men. It does not belong to this world.			
12	Christ entered the Most Holy Place only once—and for all time. He did not take with him the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was his own blood. He entered the Most Holy Place and set us free from sin forever.	♥	♥	♥
13	The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a cow are sprinkled on the people who are unclean and this makes their bodies clean again.		♥	♥
14	How much more is done by the blood of Christ. He offered himself through the eternal Spirit as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will make our hearts clean from useless acts. We are made pure so that we may serve the living God.	♥	♥	♥

Memory Verse

He offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will make our hearts clean..... Hebrews 9:14

C. CraftC1. Colouring of Tabernacle (4-9yo)**Materials Needed**

- Picture of Tabernacle (<http://3dtabernacle.com/documents/tabernacle.jpg>)
- Picture of Tabernacle with articles (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3uNEVAAKowpbTJ0ajkzdGE3Njg/edit>)
- Colouring and Writing Materials including markers

- ✓ Each child is given the picture of tabernacle to colour.
- ✓ For the 6-9 yo, explain the position and usage of the articles in the tabernacle using the 2nd picture:
 1. altar of burnt offering (burning of animal sacrifice)
 2. Bronze laver (for ceremonial cleansing of the priest so that they can be clean to perform their duties in the tabernacle)
 3. golden lampstand (represents God's truth and light)
 4. Table of bread (reminds of God's provision)
 5. altar of incense (where prayers are offered to God by the priest)
 6. Holy of Holies, also called Most High Place (where God dwells)
 7. Ark of the covenant (contains the tablets of 10 commandments which is God's law, manna which reminds of God's provision during the time of Exodus, and the budding rod of Aaron, reminding the people of God's miracle and power.)
- ✓ Pray that each child will understand that Jesus had come to be our sacrifice on the cross and that he or/ she will truly accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

C2. Extra Word Search (6-9yo)

- ✓ Appendix 1.1 may be used for older children (and some 6-7yo) to engage them further in the Bible Story
- ✓ 6-7yo may need help.
- ✓ The focus is on Jesus vs the earthly tabernacle (Hebrews 9:7-14)
- ✓ Pray that each child will understand that Jesus is the perfect sacrifice on the cross for our sins and truly accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

God Bless and Keep You. Thank YOU.

Appendix 1.1 (Extra Word Search for 6-9yo)**EARTHLY TABERNACLE VERSUS JESUS**

Z	O	W	L	W	G	Q	H	E	D	M	V	A	K	C
I	H	I	B	F	S	X	R	O	T	M	V	I	C	H
D	D	K	U	E	N	Y	O	L	L	S	F	P	V	J
Y	Y	Y	X	W	A	L	T	A	D	Y	O	Q	R	D
G	A	D	S	B	B	C	W	M	D	B	Y	M	P	H
D	P	I	D	E	S	N	W	B	E	I	N	S	P	O
P	O	O	Z	Z	L	E	Q	S	F	G	I	Y	D	Z
T	S	I	R	H	C	V	N	O	Q	O	H	D	N	S
S	T	K	G	I	E	A	L	W	V	T	T	I	H	H
T	S	C	K	N	E	B	P	V	R	S	S	V	G	W
D	I	K	E	L	N	O	L	D	F	E	H	K	Q	H
U	Y	R	C	F	Z	F	A	Z	X	I	M	U	T	T
W	U	L	C	O	E	L	C	A	N	R	E	B	A	T
C	Y	B	C	J	G	R	E	C	H	P	Z	H	P	Y
F	C	H	U	Z	T	H	P	H	X	N	F	Z	V	U

Tabernacle
Most Holy Place
cleanse

lambs
High Priest
blood

Christ
perfect
sin

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