



Children's Material

Ages 4- 9

Lesson 6

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CLEAN AND UNCLEAR BODILY CONDITIONS

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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

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 – Bodily conditions that are unclean

Why – Sin results in broken lives but God can heal and restore

GOALS FOR EACH CHILD

1. Understand that sin has impact on life and causes brokenness in life
2. Understand that God can forgive, heal and restore the brokenness
3. Prayer – We will understand that God can heal and restore us to Him
4. Prayer – With God's help, we can be His ambassadors so that God can heal and restore the world

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A. Activities / Games

A1. Short skit on the ritual a clean person has to go through after he or she has recovered from a skin condition (15-20 minutes)

Characters involved

- Priest (can be acted by adult or older child)
- 2 unclean people (can be acted by 2 younger children)
- Family and friends (can be acted by the rest of the children)

Materials Needed

- Cling wrap
- Markers
- 2 bird soft toys
- 2 lamb soft toys
- An empty bowl

Explain that the skit is about the ritual that a person who has just recovered from skin conditions has to go through, according to Leviticus (Leviticus 13:1-46, 14:1-32). Skin conditions are caused by fungal infection and can spread from person to person. The conditions can be healed. Such conditions could be due to the impact of sin. God is offended by both the committing of sin as well as the impact of sin that results in brokenness in life. Through the ritual, God restores the person who is healed to his or her family and community.

Before the start of the skit, use cling wrap to wrap around one arm of one of the unclean people (A) and two arms of the other unclean person (B). Use markers to draw a few dots on the cling wrap on A and more dots on the cling wrap on B. Such markings are used to represent the fungal infection.

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- Introduce the Priest and the 2 unclean people. Explain that the dots on the cling wrap represent the fungal infection on the skin.
- Both A and B walk to the Priest to show him their cling-wrapped arms.
- The Priest says “unclean” and points them to a place far away from the others.
- Both A and B look sad as they leave.
- As they walk past the others, they have to shout “unclean, unclean”.
- Add more dots on the cling wrap of B, using a different colour marker, to represent more infection.
- The Priest announces, “7 days later”.
- Both A and B walk towards the Priest, avoiding the others.
- The Priest looks at A and says, “clean”. A becomes very happy.
- When the Priest looks at B, he shakes his head and says, “unclean”. The Priest points him to the far-away place.
- B continues to look sad as he leaves and shouts “unclean, unclean” as he walks to the far-away place.
- A brings 2 soft toy birds to the Priest.
- The Priest uses his hand as a knife to “kill” one of the birds, then puts the bird into the bowl. The Priest then dips his fingers into the bowl and sprinkles 7 times on A.
- The Priest tells everyone that A is clean. At the same time, the Priest takes the other soft toy bird and lifts it to the air “to set it free”.
- A is now very happy and starts to dance. A goes to the others and holds their hands. Everyone is happy.
- The Priest announces, “on the 8th day”.
- A returns with a bowl and 2 soft toy lambs. He offers them to the Priest as an offering to God.
- The Priest tells everyone, “offering to God”.

Ask the children to make their observations about A when he is unclean and when he becomes clean. Emphasize that A was sad then becomes happy. A was lonely, then returns to his family and friends.

B. **Bible Story**

(Cf. Source Book – Pages 25-31)

Use the children's personal bible books to share the Bible Story.

Jesus heals man with skin disease (Matthew 8:1-4) ICB

Verse	Suggested Emphasis	4-5yo	6-7yo	8-9yo
1	When Jesus came down from the hill, great crowds followed him.		♥	♥
2	Then a man sick with a harmful skin disease came to Jesus. The man bowed down before him and said, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want."	♥	♥	♥
3	Jesus touched the man and said, "I want to heal you. Be healed!" And immediately the man was healed from his skin disease.	♥	♥	♥
4	Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about what happened. But go and show yourself to the priest. And offer the gift that Moses commanded for people who are made well. This will show people that you are healed."		♥	♥

- ✓ In some versions of the bible, the word "leprosy" is used instead of harmful skin disease. Leprosy in the bible is not the same disease as the one we know today. In the bible, leprosy defines a fungal infection of the skin that can be healed.
- ✓ Jesus will not be unclean when He touches the man with a harmful skin disease because He is God.
- ✓ Jesus can heal and restore the man.
- ✓ The gift that Moses commanded the people (v4) refers to the ritual that God had set for the people to perform at the tabernacle after they are healed.

Jesus raising the dead Lazarus (John 11: 38-44) ICB

Verse	Suggested Emphasis	4-5yo	6-7yo	8-9yo
38	Again Jesus felt very sad in his heart. He came to the tomb. The tomb was a cave with a large stone covering the entrance.		♥	♥
39	Jesus said, "Move the stone away." Martha said, "But, Lord, it has been four days since he died. There will be a bad smell." Martha was the sister of the dead man.			♥
40	Then Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"			♥
41	So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. "	♥	♥	♥
42	"I know that you always hear me. But I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me."	♥	♥	♥
43	After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"	♥	♥	♥
44	The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with pieces of cloth, and he had a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take the cloth off of him and let him go."	♥	♥	♥

- ✓ The death of Lazarus shows how life has been broken because of sin.
- ✓ Jesus brings Lazarus back to life; at the same time, He heals and restores him.

C. **Craft**

C1. Praying for the brokenness in the world (4-9yo)

Materials Needed

- Big band aids (at least 1 or 2 per child)
- A cross
- Fine markers

- ✓ Objective: For the child to recognize that God has the power to heal and restore all the brokenness of the world
- ✓ Give at least 1 or 2 plasters to each child.
- ✓ Tell the child to write or draw the brokenness of the world that he or she observes on one of the band aids. On the other band aid, let the child write his or her name on it.
- ✓ Explain that the brokenness of the world includes illness, lying, stealing, unkind words, bullying etc.
- ✓ Tell the children only God can heal and restore the brokenness of the world.
- ✓ Get the children to stick the band aids on the cross, ensure that each band aid can be seen.
- ✓ Ask the children how they feel when they see the brokenness of the world and what they can do about it.
- ✓ Gather the children before the cross and pray for God's healing and restoration.

Summary	Write or draw	Stick the band aid on the cross
4-5yo	Help please! / I can do it!	Help please! / I can do it!
6-7yo	I can do it!	Help please! / I can do it!
8-9yo	I can do it!	I can do it!

C2. God heals and restores the world through the hands of his believers (4-9yo)

- ✓ Objective: For the child to know that God uses His believers as ambassadors (to represent Him) to bring healing and restoration to the world.
- ✓ Watch the video (160424-OSC video) about the outreach and social concern ministry of our church (<http://www.brmc.org.sg/category/ministries/outreach-sc>)
- ✓ Tell the children that God uses His believers like us, to heal and restore the world.
- ✓ Pray for the children that God will help them to be His ambassadors to the world.

C3. God heals and restores word maze (6-9yo)

- ✓ Please see attached Appendix 6.1 Word Maze.
- ✓ The children will form a phrase (God heals and restores) with the help of the word maze.
- ✓ The solution is on the following page of the file.

Acknowledgement for resources taken online:

1. <http://www.mazegenerator.net>
2. <http://www.brmc.org.sg/category/ministries/outreach-sc>

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