



Children's Materials

Ages 4 to 9 years old

Lesson 5

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CLEAN AND UNCLEAR MEATS

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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 – Clean and unclean

Why – To be holy because God is holy

GOALS FOR EACH CHILD

1. Understand that Jesus' death had made unclean food and people clean
2. Understand that we as Gentiles are made one people with Jews through Christ
3. Prayer – God wants us to be holy because He is Holy
4. Prayer – God will help us to be holy

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A. Activities / Games

A1. Giving a brief understanding of the food laws in Leviticus (5-10 minutes)

Materials Needed

- A picture of cow
- A picture of pig
- A picture of prawn
- A picture of snake
- A picture of fish
- A picture of pigeon
- A picture of owl

The pictures of the creatures - of land, sea and sky - can be found online. Ask the children to identify the living things and to separate them into 2 groups, clean and unclean food for the Israelites.

Explain to the children that in the days of Leviticus, God told the Israelites what animals they could eat and what animals they could not eat. Those that they could eat are termed clean while the others are unclean food. Animals like the pig which have split hoofs but do not chew the cud (food that is not fully broken down in the stomach and comes back up to the mouth to be chewed again) are considered unclean. For animals that live in the water, they must have scales and fins to be termed clean. Prawns are therefore considered unclean for the Israelites. God stated that not all birds are clean and the owl is one of the unclean ones. Finally, animals that crawl on the ground like the snake are considered unclean too.

God gave them these laws to set them apart for Himself. God wanted the Israelites to be different from their neighbours. As God is Holy, He wants the Israelites to be holy too by obeying the food laws. But when Jesus came, He made all unclean clean by His death and His blood. Therefore, we as believers of Christ don’t need to follow the food laws stated in Leviticus.

A2. Watch a video of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:9-48) (5 minutes)

Watch the video in which God tells Peter that the food laws that He had given to the Israelites are not relevant anymore; God has made the unclean clean. At the same time, God is also telling Peter that the Gentiles are no longer unclean. Gentiles are non-Jews, meaning they are not Israelites. We are Gentiles. Jesus came to die for all people, both Jews and Gentiles. Play the video from this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKU9MyuGrj0>.

B. Bible Story

(Cf. Source Book – Pages 33-38)

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

Jesus reconciles Gentiles and Jews to God (Ephesians 2:11-16) ICB

Verse	Suggested Emphasis	4-5yo	6-7yo	8-9yo
11	You were born non-Jews. You are the people the Jews call “uncircumcised.” Those who call you “uncircumcised” call themselves “circumcised.” (Their circumcision is only something they themselves do on their bodies.)			♥
12	Remember that in the past you were without Christ. You were not citizens of Israel. And you had no part in the agreements with the promise that God made to his people. You had no hope, and you did not know God.	♥	♥	♥
13	Yes, at one time you were far away from God. But now in Christ Jesus you are brought near to God through the blood of Christ’s death.		♥	♥
14	Because of Christ we now have peace. Christ made both Jews and non-Jews one people. They were separated as if there were a wall between them. But Christ	♥	♥	♥

	broke down that wall of hate by giving his own body.			
15	The Jewish law had many commands and rules. But Christ ended that law. Christ’s purpose was to make the two groups of people become one new people in him. By doing this Christ would make peace.	♥	♥	♥
16	Through the cross Christ ended the hatred between the two groups. And after Christ made the two groups to be one body, he wanted to bring them back to God. Christ did this with his death on the cross.	♥	♥	♥

✓ Circumcision can be described as a surgical procedure to remove a part a the body.

To be Holy because God is Holy (1 Peter 1: 14-16) ICB

Verse	Suggested Emphasis	4-5yo	6-7yo	8-9yo
14	In the past you did not understand, so you did the evil things you wanted. But now you are children of God who obey. So do not live as you lived in the past.		♥	♥
15	But be holy in all that you do, just as God is holy. God is the One who called you.	♥	♥	♥
16	It is written in the Scriptures: “You must be holy, because I am holy.”	♥	♥	♥

C. Craft

C1. Clean and unclean acts (4-9yo)

Materials Needed

- A large heart-shaped paper (about A4 size)
- Stickers for decoration
- Coloured pencils
- Markers

- ✓ Objective: For the child to recognize what are clean and unclean habits, attitudes or actions.
- ✓ Give each child a large heart-shaped piece of paper. Get them to write “Clean” on one side and “Unclean” on the other side of the paper.
- ✓ Ask the child to draw or write down some clean and unclean habits, attitudes or actions that he or she has.
- ✓ Give the children especially the younger ones some examples, like being rude is unclean, kind is clean etc.
- ✓ Get the child to decorate the side of the “Clean” heart with coloured pencils and stickers.
- ✓ Pray with each child through his or her “unclean” habits, attitudes or actions, seeking God’s forgiveness. At the same time, pray for God to help him or her to stop his or her “unclean” habits, attitudes or actions. Assure him or her of God’s forgiveness of sin and God’s power to overcome his or her weaknesses.

Summary	Write “Clean” and “Unclean”	Writing or drawing	Decorating “clean” heart
4-5yo	Help please!	Help please!	Help please! / I can do it!
6-7yo	I can do it!	Help please! / I can do it!	I can do it!
8-9yo	I can do it!	I can do it!	I can do it!

C2. Double puzzle (6-9yo)

- ✓ Please see attached Appendix 5.1.
- ✓ Please help the children to complete the word puzzle and memorize the verse (1 Peter 1:16).
- ✓ For younger children, enlarge the text size.

Acknowledgement for resources taken online:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKU9MyuGrj0>
2. <https://busyteacher.org/doublepuzzle/>

God Bless and Keep You. THANK YOU.

Appendix 5.1 God wants us to be holy double puzzle

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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Teacher's Notes

Print the first page and cut it into separate puzzles along the dotted lines. Give one puzzle to each student.
Make sure you keep this second page because it contains teacher's notes and the solution.

Solution (for the teacher):

Below is the solution for your double puzzle - please make sure you don't give this to your students:

Original words: **holy, god, be, because, you**

Final word or phrase: **You must be holy because I am holy**