



## LESSON 21

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Principle:** Jesus is our sacrifice and the new covenant.

**Bible Character(s):** Aaron

**Scripture Reference:** Leviticus 8, 16



**PERSONAL PREPARATION:** Before this weekend, please read Leviticus 8 and 16. God gave Moses specific instructions for anointing Aaron as High Priest. The High Priest was set apart for God's work and his job was to make sacrifices for the people of Israel to purify them from their sin. The sacrifices were very detailed and were generally animal sacrifices, requiring blood for the atonement of sin. We know that sin separates us from God. Through atonement (to cover a sin by paying a penalty), we are no longer separated from God. Our atoning sacrifice is Jesus. His was the final sacrifice for the atonement of our sin. He made a way for us to come back together with God. He is also our High Priest, who intercedes for us (Romans 8:34). Think about what Jesus has done for you, and thank Him that He paid the price for your sin so you could live eternally with God.

### PLUG IN TIME - 5-10 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

Arrive early to check the supplies in the bin and review the lesson. Write today's principle on the whiteboard. Remember to greet all campers upon arrival; meet their parents; welcome and introduce all visitors. Create a welcoming cabin for all campers!

### Jesus is Our Sacrifice Crisscross Puzzle

Supplies:

Worksheet – "Jesus is Our Sacrifice" side (1 per camper)

Help campers work through the puzzle's answers and have them fill in the blanks. Campers will use the back of this worksheet for activities later in the lesson.



### BIG GROUP Time - 35-40 minutes

As you line up, remind campers we are going to have fun as an entire Camp Grace group! We are going to live out GRACE by **Glorifying God** through worship, **Respecting All Leaders**, and **Accepting Responsibility** to listen with attentive ears,

minds, and hearts – fully **Celebrating Christ** with passion! We should **Encourage Others** to do the same, by not distracting them from their worship of God.

**\*Take your cabin flag to Big Group.**

## **The Bridge to Small Group**

Today we begin our study in a new book, Leviticus. We will be learning about who Aaron was, why there were sacrifices in the Old Testament (reviewing sin and atonement), and how Jesus is our sacrifice.

## **Small Group Time - 25-30 minutes**

### **Getting Started**

If your cabin did well in Big Group, acknowledge it. If not, take a couple of minutes to talk about how they can do better next time.

**What did you learn in Big Group today? Why did the Israelites' need to have animal sacrifices offered to God?** (Because of their sin; God accepted the sacrifice of an animal instead of a human life when an Israelite sinned.) **Who offered this sacrifice?** (The High Priest.) **Do we still need to make sacrifices today? Why not?** (Because God gave us His Son Jesus as the final sacrifice for all the sins of everyone in this world.)

Last week, we finished our study of Exodus. When Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God, the Israelites got tired of waiting and talked Aaron into making an idol for them to worship. Who remembers what that idol was? (Golden calf.) What can be an idol in our lives? (Video games, famous athletes, toys, sports, our favorite singer, etc.) God was angry, but Moses begged God to forgive the people. God answered Moses' prayer by forgiving the Israelites' sin.

Today, we will begin studying the book of Leviticus. God gave Moses detailed directions for making priests and sacrifices. Moses' brother Aaron and his sons were to become the first priests.

Let's begin in Leviticus 8 [NLT].

### **Leviticus 8:1-5**

*1 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 "Bring Aaron and his sons, along with their sacred garments, the anointing oil, the bull for the sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of bread made without yeast, 3 and call the entire community of Israel together at the entrance of the Tabernacle."*

*4 So Moses followed the Lord's instructions, and the whole community assembled at the Tabernacle entrance. 5 Moses announced to them, "This is what the Lord has commanded us to do!"*

God gave Moses detailed instructions to make Aaron and his sons priests. God told Moses to sacrifice a bull and rams and sprinkle oil throughout the Tabernacle. God also gave specific details on preparing and presenting the sacrifices and how the priests were to dress.

### **Leviticus 8:34-36**

*34 Everything we have done today was commanded by the Lord in order to purify you, making you right with him. 35 Now stay at the entrance of the Tabernacle day and night for seven days, and do*

*everything the Lord requires. If you fail to do this, you will die, for this is what the Lord has commanded.”<sup>36</sup> So Aaron and his sons did everything the Lord had commanded through Moses.*

God gave specific instructions to Moses that were necessary to make Aaron and his sons holy before the Lord. By them obeying God, it showed that they had faith in Him. It was very serious for Moses, Aaron and his sons to obey every direction that God told them. If they did not, they would die.

## Follow the Directions



The purpose of this activity is to see how following detailed directions can be challenging.

### Supplies:

Paper

Crayons

Tell campers to listen closely because you are only going to give instructions once. Give each child a piece of paper and a crayon. Tell them to draw a house with six windows, two chimneys on the roof, five flowers on each side of the door, two trees on each side of the house, apples in two of the trees, and three puppies in the yard. Give them a couple of minutes to complete the task.

## Tie It Together



How hard was it to follow all of the directions I gave you for your picture? (Allow responses.) You only had the directions I gave you. Moses only had the directions that God gave him, which were very detailed. Aaron only had the directions Moses told him. If he did not follow the directions correctly, he would die.

Do your parents ever give you specific directions about what they want you to do? Do you always do everything you are told to do? And do you always obey happily? When you disobey your parents, you are disobeying God. What are the consequences when you do not obey? (Allow responses.) You might have to go to your room or sit in a time out. Your consequences may not be as bad as the consequences God gave Aaron and his sons if they did not obey, but the Bible tells us that we are all sinners and the consequence we deserve is death. God wants us to obey Him as an act of worship because we were created to worship Him.

In Leviticus 16, we learn more about the sacrifices that Aaron made to God. What is a sacrifice? (Allow responses.) When an animal is killed and offered to God. Why do you think the priests had to kill animals to make a sacrifice? (Allow responses.) God is so holy that no one could see him or talk to Him without first offering an animal's blood to atone for, or cover, their sins. Atonement means to cover a sin by paying a penalty.

God gave Moses very detailed instructions on how to present sacrifices. Because God is perfect and holy and our sin is so bad, these sacrifices were very important. This is how God forgave the people's sins. Animal sacrifices were messy and disgusting, but so is our sin to God.

Soon, God would send Jesus because he loves us so much. Jesus would cover all our sin. No more animal sacrifices would be needed. Jesus loves us that much!

Does God still want us to present animal sacrifices to be the atonement for our sins? Why or why not? (Allow responses.)

Let's take a closer look at what our atonement is.

## Sin and Sacrifice



The purpose of this activity is to review the reason for the sacrifices.

### Supplies:

White board

Worksheet - "Sin and Sacrifice" section (1 per camper)

Give each camper a "Sin and Sacrifice" worksheet to fill out as you go through the activity on the board. (Teachers – please erase board at end of service.)

- Have the campers write their names on the top of their worksheet.
- Write "Sin =" on the board. Ask the campers to complete the sentence on their worksheets.
- Write "Separation from God" to complete the sentence. Tell the campers that we all disobey God; we all sin. Because we sin, we are separated from God. When Adam and Eve sinned, they couldn't be near God anymore. He is Holy and they couldn't be in His presence, after they sinned.
- Write "Requires →" on the board. Then write "Sacrifice" after the arrow and have the campers do the same on their sheets. Tell the campers that the punishment for sin is eternal death. Our separation from God requires a sacrifice to be made. God accepted the life of the animal in place of the life of the sinner.
- Write "Jesus" on the board and as campers fill in their sheets, tell them that in Old Testament times, God accepted the life of the animal in place of the life of the sinner when the sinner believed in God. This was just a picture of what was coming. When Jesus came, He died on the cross for our sins. There was no one and nothing more perfect and holy than Jesus. So, when He gave His life as a sacrifice, it was the final sacrifice. There's no need to sacrifice animals any longer. Jesus' death is the atonement for our sins. When God looks at us, He sees the blood of Jesus covering our sin. If we trust in His sacrifice and follow Him, we are no longer separated from God.

### Answer Key:

Sin = Separation from God

Requires □ Sacrifice

Jesus

## Tie It Together



Romans 3:23 tells us "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Sin separates us from God. Romans 6:23 tells us that the consequence of our sin is death. The only payment for our sin is perfect blood. We are not perfect since we are sinners, so how do we pay the price for our sin? (Allow responses.) God gives us the answer. We do not need to perform animal sacrifices for our sins because the final, perfect blood sacrifice has already been given to us. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect blood sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sin. His blood was enough to cover all of our sins and allow us to live forever with God, if we trust in Jesus as Savior.

## Jesus Is Our Bridge



The purpose is to help the campers understand that Jesus is our bridge to God.

### Supplies:

Worksheet - "Jesus is Our Bridge" section (1 per camper)

Cross cutout (1 per camper)

Glue sticks

Give each camper a worksheet. Ask them where the cross cutout should be placed to create a bridge between "ME" and "GOD." Have each of them glue it in the correct spot.

### Tie It Together



We have learned that we are all sinners. We cannot pay for our sin, but God showed His mercy for us by giving us Jesus to pay for our sin. Jesus was the only one who could provide the payment of perfect blood for our sin. It is through Jesus' death on the cross that we can return to God and live in relationship with Him. Jesus is our bridge to God.

## Wiping Us Clean



The purpose of this activity is to help campers see how Jesus' blood can make us clean.

### Supplies:

Bowl with water (1 per bin)

Chocolate syrup (1 per bin)

Bar of soap (1 per bin)

Paper towels (in rooms)

Take your hand, and tell the campers that your hand represents you. Pour chocolate syrup on your hand, explaining that it represents sin, making you dirty. Use a paper towel to wipe your hand once or twice. You may want to let them feel the stickiness to show that your hand is not perfectly clean. Tell the campers that when you wipe your hand, you have to wipe it over and over to keep making it clean. This is like what the Israelites had to do by presenting animal sacrifices over and over to make themselves clean. Next, wash your hand with the soap and water, telling the campers that just like the soap and water is the only thing that makes your hand perfectly clean, Jesus' blood through His sacrifice is the only thing that makes us perfectly clean of sin.

\*Teachers – make sure to dump out water and refill bowl for the next service. Use the bathroom or the workroom to dump out/refill bowl. Also make sure there are enough paper towels and chocolate syrup for the next service. Ask your coach for help, if needed.

### Tie It Together



Before Jesus came, the only way to atone or make up for one's sin was through animal sacrifices. The Israelites kept presenting sacrifices over and over to pay for their sin. We are sinners.

God knew this, and He gave us Jesus as the final and perfect sacrifice to atone for our sin. His perfect blood wipes our hearts clean of sin, just like the soap and water washed my hand clean from the syrup. If we put our faith and trust in Jesus, He forgives us and takes care of us always! Through Jesus, we can live forever with God.

## Prayer Time

Spend some time in prayer to close small group time. Thank God for providing us with Jesus so that we can be forgiven of our sins and have a relationship with Him.



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