

»»» COMMUNITY KIDS «««

GOD DESERVES OUR WORSHIP

Leviticus 1-4



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Offer your day to God and ask Him to be glorified through everything You do. How can your obedience be an act of worship?
- **Evenings:** Make a list of ways you can worship God. Thank Him for giving us many options to offer the praise He deserves. What are some ways you worshiped God today?

»»» MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

GOD DESERVES OUR WORSHIP. HE CREATED US TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, AND HE HAS PROVIDED SALVATION FROM SIN THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS. WE CAN WORSHIP GOD BY LOVING AND OBEYING HIM AS WE LIVE TO GIVE HIM GLORY.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is worship?

Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

Dear Families,

Think back to Eden. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, their eyes were opened and they realized their nakedness. What was once no problem in their innocence had become shameful in their sinfulness. So the couple took leaves to try to cover their bodies and their shame. But what did God do just before expelling the couple from Eden to face a fallen world on their own? He made clothing for them out of animal skins. (See Gen. 3:21)

Why? God may have had a practical reason; leaves would not last very long as clothing. But there is likely a deeper, spiritual reason for what He did. **In order to clothe Adam and Eve with animal skins, animals would have to die.** God had told Adam and Eve that death would result from the Fall, and this was a way to affirm God's word. As Adam and Eve exited the garden, then, they wore on their bodies an ever-present reminder that sin leads to death—perhaps not immediately, perhaps indirectly, but always.

Fast forward to Leviticus. By this time, we have seen animal sacrifices offered to God (e.g. by Abel, Noah, Abram, and the Israelites during the Passover). But now, God was taking the next step and sharing His requirements of how sacrifices were to be made. Leviticus gives great detail of what specific sacrifices were to be offered for what purposes. Some of the sacrifices were voluntary, but some were not. Blood must be shed because of sin, as God had promised would happen.

But, we have to be careful not to go too far with these animal sacrifices. These sacrifices themselves could not save anyone. (See Heb 10:4). So what did they do? Why were they needed then? When God commanded His people to perform these sacrifices, He was calling them to act upon their faith in Him. **This faith was anchored to the awareness that their sins had separated them from a holy God and that God's word is true: death was required because of sin.**

God had promised that a Person—a descendant of Eve—would be the snake crusher. ***This is the faith that Israel's sacrifices pointed to: a future once-and-for-all death of a Savior, a sacrifice that was made by Christ Jesus.***

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun: Use the Internet to look up funny or unusual laws that are technically still enforceable in the United States. Talk about how those laws might have once filled a purpose but are no longer needed. Now, flip through the Book of Leviticus together and read some of the laws God gave the Israelites. Some of these laws are no longer needed, but they still show us how we are to relate to a holy God. Talk about some of the ways your family can use offerings as a way to worship God.

To Serve: Make a monetary donation to a local ministry or missionary partner of your church. Ask each family member to contribute money to the offering. Talk with your kids about how our offerings allow us to thank God for all He provides and then celebrate what God can do through the ministry of those you support.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care.

Psalm 95:6-7