

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

Leviticus 13:1-15:33

April 19th, 2009

Lesson Plan:

Main Point: God can cleanse sinners.

Basic Idea: God desires and can make us holy.

How we get there: Within these laws, God regularly reiterates that He is holy and therefore desires the Israelites to be holy.

Examine John 13:1-11

1. Why would Jesus wash their feet?
2. Why wouldn't Peter want Jesus to wash his feet?
3. Why did Jesus say He must wash Peter's feet?
4. Who did Jesus say was not clean? Why?

Use Illustration as you teach:

Have the children sit on the floor in a circle (they did not sit at a table and chairs in the Bible times) and remove their shoes and socks. Begin to walk the kids through the situation. While the disciples are talking and eating, Jesus gets up to wash the disciples feet. (There will be a basin, towels and water provided). The roads are dusty and the disciples would be wearing sandals. Even if they were clean, their feet would still get dirty. Peter, who is too embarrassed to have his feet washed. (If the kids are controllable, you can attempt to "act out" this dialogue with one of the kids). Jesus' words are powerful.

10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

Jesus tells Peter that he is already clean. God has done this work in Peter, and though he will still struggle with sin, he has cleaned his heart! There was only one in the room who was not clean, Judas, who rejected and betrayed Jesus.

[If the kids are orderly enough, perhaps you want to take the time to wash their feet? Remind each one that this is symbolic of the fact that Jesus can wash us clean of our sin and make us holy. You can also take the opportunity to share with our kids that our church does this very thing during part of the communion service.]

Ask the kids:

1. How should a person act who has been given a clean heart from Jesus?
2. Should he/she still love to sin?

"Nailing It"

Hebrews 10:21—"Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Through faith in Christ, Jesus cleanses our hearts and makes us holy. We cannot be holy on our own, but He gives us His own holiness and cleanses us from all sin!

