

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

Leviticus 8:1-9:24

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Lesson Plan:

Main Point: The priest is an illustration of Jesus.

Basic Idea: Priests were mediators, which is ultimately Jesus' job.

How we get there: Understanding that the priests primary function was to go before God on behalf of the people, an example of the role Jesus ultimately fills.

Examine 1 Timothy 2:5

1. How many Gods are there?
2. What is a mediator? (you'll probably have to answer this for them)
3. Who does Jesus go before God for?

Use Illustration (see below)

The concept of a mediator is probably going to be difficult for the kids. Perhaps calling it a "go between" would help. I would start with the illustration so that you have an illustration of a "go between." Just like the glove went between your hand and the dirt, in the same way, Jesus goes between us and God. Our sins are like the dirt. While wants to rescue us, He cannot remain holy if He becomes covered in our sin. This is like your hand needing to remain clean and free of dirt. However, Jesus takes on the role of the glove. God sends Him to take our sin upon Himself so that we can be rescued.

Because of our sin, we cannot approach God on our own. We depend on Jesus to go between us and God so that we can have a relationship with God. In the Old Testament, the role of the priests was to be a go-between of God and man. Men could not come before God to worship Him on their own. They had to go through a priest. His job was to be the person between the people and God. God established the role of priest to be an example of the work that Jesus would do. Ultimately, a priest is just a man too. There is nothing special about him, except the role that God has given to Him. Even the role of priests could not work, except that Jesus would ultimately be their mediator too!

Illustration: "The glove"

Show the kids a bowl with a character and dirt inside of it. Explain to the kids that we need to "rescue" the character from the bowl filled with dirt. The only catch, we cannot get any dirt upon our own hands. Ask the kids to think through options to retrieve the character without getting dirt on your hands. After some ideas, show them the glove you have. Put the glove on your hand, reach into the dirt, retrieve the character and pull it out. Next, carefully take the glove off and show them that no dirt got on your hand.

Ask them:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is a mediator?
2. Is He fulfilling the role for you?



"Nailing It"

John 14:6—"Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." Jesus explained to people that He is the only way to have a relationship with God. No person can come to God any other way than through coming through the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf to be forgiven of our sins!

