

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

Leviticus 21:1-22:33

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Lesson Plan: Main Point: Christ, the Perfect Sanctifier.
Basic Idea: Jesus' perfect sacrifice can make us more holy..
How we get there: You shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the Sons of Israel; I am the Lord who sanctifies you! (22:33)

Examine Hebrews 10:8-10

1. Was God totally satisfied with animal sacrifices?
2. Who did God's will perfectly?
3. What sacrifice was offered for all time?
4. What effect will this have on us?

Many people think that you become a Christian by faith, but you become a good Christian by working really hard. They think that their sacrifices and things they offer to God is what will please Him. However, this verse reminds us that God was never ultimately pleased with people's sacrifices, but was perfectly pleased with Jesus. We actually become more like Jesus when we focus on Him and what He did for us. This perfectly pleased God and will create in us a desire to follow Jesus.

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In the same way, I cannot clean my own life up. I must call on Jesus to help me be more like Him. I can't just change my actions, but must call upon Jesus to give me a new heart and a desire to do what is right. God wants to clean us from the inside-out and wants to make us look more like Jesus.


I can actually grow more like Jesus by focusing on the message of Jesus. I remember that I am a sinner and can not please God, but Jesus laid down His perfect life for me. When Jesus gives you eternal life by dying on the cross, He also gives you the ability to grow in your love for Him and your obedience to Him.

Illustration

Dirty cloth

Isaiah 64:6 says that our own works are like filthy rags. We can't produce the perfection that God desires. It's like looking at this dirty glass. What if I "clean" it with this rag? (use the dirty rag) Will it get cleaner? Show the kids what happens when you wash with the dirty rag.

- Ask the children:**
1. Do you see God making you love the things Jesus loves more?
 2. How can I keep focused on the gospel message every day?

 **"Nailing It"** **Philippians 1:6**—*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in your will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.* God has assured us that when He saved us, He will also begin (and complete) the process of making us look more like Jesus! He does the work and we get to enjoy it!

