

Children's Ministry

1st-2nd Grade

Leviticus 2:1-3:17

January 18th, 2009

Lesson Plan: Main Point: Cheerful Givers
Basic Idea: God loves when we give with joy.
How we get there: All of the elements in the grain and fellowship offerings reflect the glory of Jesus. It is our joy to participate!

Begin with Illustration, Part 1: (see below)

Examine 2 Corinthians 9:7

1. Does God want you to give because you feel like you have to?
2. Why does God want you to give?
3. How should you feel when you give?

Explain to the children that many of the sacrifices in the Old Testament were not required out of threat. The people did not *have* to give these sacrifices but they *wanted* to give these sacrifices out of a thankful heart. God is most pleased when we give to him because we want to and we love Him!

Return to Illustration, Part 2

Just like the one gift seemed better because my attitude was better, so is God more pleased when we give to Him with a good attitude. When we do this, we are following His example. He gave us His precious Son with an attitude of love and joy for it made our salvation possible!

Illustration: Gifts with Attitude

Part 1: You will have two containers with a snack in each one. Each container has the exact same snack. Do not tell the kids what is inside, but merely that you have something for them in it. With one container, act like you really don't want to give it to them, act like it is gross and really down play it. With the other container, act excited about what is inside, thrilled to give it to the kids and like you believe they will love it. Then have the children choose which container they want to open (later). Mark that container and return to the lesson.

Part 2: Ask the kids what they think may be in each container. Open the container that wanted and show them the snack. Ask them if they think the unopened one will be a better or worse snack. Open and show them that it is the same, but it seemed worse because your attitude was worse. Then pass out the snacks.

Ask the kids: 1. Is there anything I would not be willing to give to God?
2. Do I respond to God with a cheerful heart?

"Nailing It" **John 3:16**—*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.* Though God gave us the very costly gift of His Son, He didn't do it with a bad attitude, but did it out of love He has for you and me! God was pleased to offer His Son for our salvation (Isaiah 53).

