

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th Grade

Leviticus 16:1-17:16

April 12th, 2009

Lesson Plan:

Main Point: "Expiation and Propitiation" (words basically defined below)

Basic Idea: Jesus takes away our sin and the punishment for our sin.

How we get there: The "scapegoat" represents Jesus bearing our sin, the other goat represents Jesus taking the punishment for our sins.

At a glance:

Have the children look over Leviticus 16:6-22 with you. (You can either have them do this together as a group, in smaller groups, or even read the text to them). Have them answer the following:

1. Why is the bull offered?
2. What is symbolically placed on the goat that dies?
3. What is special "inside the veil?"
4. What is symbolically placed on the goat set free?

Digging Deeper: Isaiah 53:5-6

1. Why was Jesus pierced?
2. How do we receive healing?
3. How are we like sheep?
4. Who put our iniquity upon Jesus?

Explaining it:

Today's lesson is actually teaching two concepts: Expiation and Propitiation

Expiation: When Jesus was on the cross, the Bible says God placed our sins upon Jesus. Sins have to be paid for by death. We can be viewed as sinless because Jesus actually took our sins away. God placed our sins upon Jesus on the cross. "*He made Him who had no sin be sin on our behalf...*" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Propitiation: God must punish sin. If He doesn't punish sin then He doesn't truly love good. Our sin deserves the punishment of death. But because God loves us, Jesus took the penalty for our sins. On the cross, God poured out all of His anger against sin onto Jesus Christ. That way, our sins were punished, but we didn't have to face the punishment.

Ask the kids:

1. **What does the crucifixion tell us about God's attitude toward sin?**
2. **How should we feel about God if He took our sins--and the punishment for our sins--away?**

"Nailing It"

John 3:36—*He who believes in the Son has*

eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." Take time to explain to the children that Jesus' death on the cross does not mean all people's sins are removed and paid for. It is only for those who trust in Jesus that have their sins paid for and taken away on the cross. We must come to Jesus in faith!



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