

# Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th 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 and the people, an example of the role Jesus ultimately fills.

### At a glance:

Have the children look over Leviticus 9:1-24 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 would Aaron have to present offering for himself and his sons?
2. Why would Aaron offer sacrifices on behalf of the people?
3. What was the primary role of the priests?
4. How do these things point to Jesus?

### Digging Deeper: 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?
4. Does Jesus need to offer a sacrifice for His own sins first?

### Explaining it:

The concept of a mediator can be difficult for children to grasp. Perhaps calling it a "go between" helps with that. Also, be sure to check out the illustration from 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. 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!

Applying it: 1. What does it mean that Jesus is our mediator?  
2. Is He fulfilling this role for you?

See the illustration from 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, if you'd like to illustrate these points.

## "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!



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